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POWER TO JUAN CARLOS

MADRID (AP). — The government has handed over power conditionally to Prince Juan Carlos de Borbon as new Spanish Head of State.

Only the death of General Franco or a dramatic worsening of the Spanish leader's condition will cancel the transfer. The Prince succeeds automatically on Franco's death.

The Prince will preside at a cabinet meeting scheduled for today at his Zarzuela Palace, a few kilometres from where Franco is lying gravely ill. Franco's medical team, meanwhile, reported his condition continued to be grave.

The announcement of the transfer of power to the prince was made officially over government radio and television and the semi-official news agency, Cifra, last night.

Prime Minister Carlos Arias informed the Cortes (parliament) in a note that because of General Franco's illness the prince was assuming power under Article 11 of Spain's "Organic Law."

End to El Al strike expected today

By ZEEV SCHUL, Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Barring an unforeseen hitch this morning, the El Al strike may end today, two weeks and a day after the workshop mechanics walked off their jobs in a wage and grading dispute with the management.

Representatives of the striking mechanics yesterday afternoon signed an agreement at Histadrut headquarters here to return to work "unconditionally." The Histadrut has agreed, in writing, to investigate the causes of the frequent labour unrest at the national airline and to complete a report on the subject within three months.

This morning the El Al board of directors is due to discuss the latest development and will hand down "suitable instructions" to the company's management, El Al press officer Savitzky said last night.

It is assumed that the whole thing will be wrapped up at a tri-party meeting later today between the mechanics' staff committee and El Al and Histadrut officials.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yeshayahu Meshel said on Israel Television last night that he hoped an agreement could be worked out today that would ensure smooth labour relations at El Al for a period of three years.

This point was also stressed by a high-level company source yesterday who said that the return-to-work pledge does not necessarily mean an automatic resumption of El Al flights. The source pointed out that the El Al management has not withdrawn any of its conditions for resumption of operations.

El Al is more concerned with securing a reasonable period of "industrial tranquillity," i.e. freedom from the constant threat of strikes which have plagued the airline during the past several years and which have had a devastating effect on scheduling programmes and long-range planning.

The management, aware that the

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Toon asked for details of speech

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon's frank criticism of President Sadat — in an address in Haifa on Wednesday — has placed the State Department in an awkward position because official U.S. policy is not to comment in public on the Egyptian leader's anti-Zionist statements.

State Department spokesman Robert Anderson faced a barrage of questions yesterday from newsmen regarding Toon's reported remarks criticizing Sadat's anti-Zionist slur at the National Press Club. Anderson said in response that the State Department had asked Toon to provide details of exactly what he said. The Department would not comment on the remarks until the ambassador had replied to the request.

At the same time, Anderson again refused to criticize Sadat's Press Club statements. He said that the U.S. position on Zionism has been made well known.

ISRAELI CARGO GOING THROUGH CANAL TODAY

By ANAN SAFADI
Post Middle East Affairs Correspondent

The first Israeli-bound cargo to be allowed through the Suez Canal in over two decades was slated to pass through the waterway this morning.

The Suez Canal Authority said that the Greek vessel Olympus was due to sail from Port Said in a southbound convoy at 7 a.m. with a consignment of 8,000 tons of cement. The vessel will arrive in Eilat tomorrow.

A spokesman for the Transport Ministry in Jerusalem yesterday did not disclose details, but confirmed "reports regarding the expected passage of the vessel carrying an Israeli cargo."

The passage of the Israeli cargo is being carried out in accordance with the recent Sinai interim accord between Egypt and Israel. Egypt had denied Israel the use of the waterway since 1948 though a number of Israeli-bound cargoes went through until 1952 when the Egyptian monarchy was toppled in the officers' revolution.

The Egyptian authorities have barred newsmen and photographers from approaching the Olympus, allegedly for security reasons. They were believed to have imposed the ban in order to avoid publicity in face of Arab criticism against the Sinai accord.

In playing down the event, a spokesman for the Canal Authority was yesterday quoted as saying that Egypt regarded the Israeli-bound vessel as just another boat paying the toll. The spokesman declined to say whether more Israeli cargoes would go through, but he noted that a northbound vessel with goods for Israel had changed its plans recently.

The Olympus was expected to be examined by two Egyptian teams, one representing the Customs to assess the toll and another delegated by the government to confirm that the cargo is "non-strategic." The second team was likely to be accompanied by an officer representing the anti-Israel Arab boycott bureau, according to Cairo reports.

Under the Sinai accord reached last September, non-strategic cargoes to and from Israel may pass through the Suez Canal but only on ships not flying the Israeli flag.

The Canal passing of the first Israel-bound cargo constitutes the second move in the implementation of the itnerim accord. The first took place on October 10 when Israel transferred the Ras Sudar oilfields to American technicians representing Egypt.

A joint Egyptian-Israeli commission is scheduled to meet on November 11 at the UN-controlled buffer zone east of the Suez Canal to discuss the next moves, beginning with Israel's pullback from the entire Suez Gulf coastal zone including the Abu Rodeis oilfields in mid-November. Next, the commission aided by a joint field headquarters composed of Egyptian and Israeli liaison officers as well as of UN personnel, will study Israel's pullback east of the present buffer zone within the next four months.

Intervention in Lebanon not likely, U.S. says

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The State Department said yesterday that it could not confirm a report from Beirut that Israel and Syria were preparing for possible intervention into the strife-torn Lebanon.

The "Baltimore Sun," in a dispatch from Beirut correspondent Michael Parks, said that large units of Syrian troops were seen moving up to the eastern Lebanese border and that Israel has begun strengthening its forces along the Lebanese and near the Syrian frontiers.

Spokesman Robert Anderson also said that the U.S. remained in close diplomatic touch with all the interested parties, including Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and others, in an effort to ease the difficult situation. He again urged restraint on all of the parties involved.

Anderson said that the U.S. does not feel that there is a present likelihood of outside intervention in Lebanon. He said that the U.S. has not given "any consideration" to any U.S. intervention. "We would not like to see such intervention take place," he said.

Anderson asserted that the Lebanese problem is "essentially an internal one" and there are "clear limits" that outside help can be provided.

CALMER IN BEIRUT

Post Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Fighting in Beirut appeared to have simmered down yesterday as the warring religious and political factions reached a point of exhaustion in the war-shattered Lebanese capital, where casualties remain scattered in the streets.

Late last night, Prime Minister Karami said he hoped the country's vicious civil war could be ended once and for all "within the coming hours."

Information Minister Ghassan Tweini said that all parties involved in the seven-month-old strife "have now realized that their conflict could not be solved by the force of arms." He noted that efforts were now being made to solve Lebanon's murderous crisis "rather politically."

Beirut radio last night said that the general situation in Beirut was "improving" amid signs of a slowdown of fighting between the country's Christians and Moslems, who are supported by leftist militias as well as the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But the radio still reported sporadic shooting in several of Beirut's districts despite Wednesday's new cease-fire — the 10th in the past seven weeks.

The radio stressed that most of Beirut's districts remained "unsafe."

The PLO-backed leftist Moslem militiamen were understood to be in control of several strategic locations which they seized after breaking through Christian-held lines on Wednesday night.

Premier Rashid Karami yesterday remained at Beirut's *sarai* government house, conducting talks with the leaders of the various factions.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The U.S. and Egypt are nearing agreement on the sale to Egypt of a nuclear power plant, it was learned in Washington last night. An announcement is expected later during President Sadat's stay in the U.S. Nothing is known of any such accord with Israel.

Israel protests raid from Syria

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

The Syrian Government last night received a strong Israeli complaint against Tuesday's Fatah incursion in the Golan, as well as Syrian collaboration with the terrorist movement. Two terrorists were killed and five others captured by the Israel Defence Forces in that incident.

The complaint was conveyed yesterday through the Chief Coordinator of the UN Peacekeeping Missions, Lt.-Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo, who yesterday dispatched a high-ranking aide to the Syrian capital.

The contents of the complaint were not disclosed, but Israel was understood to have cautioned that Syria's consent to terrorist penetration in the Golan was a violation of the current disengagement agreement on that front. Jerusalem was yesterday reported to have made a similar protest through the U.S.

Syria yesterday maintained silence over Israel's disclosure on the round-up of the five terrorists near Tel Faris. The terrorists were said to have belonged to a "select" group of Yasser Arafat's Fatah.

Instead, Syrian newspapers yesterday reiterated the claim that Israel was massing troops and tanks on the Golan front. The Syrian papers quoted the under secretary-general of the ruling Ba'ath party as saying that the alleged Israeli build-up was a "provocative challenge which, among other things, was designed to escalate tension on the Golan," before expiration of the mandate of UN forces there on November 30.

Cabinet studies defence budget

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Local currency expenditure on defence next year will be no greater in real terms than in 1975, Cabinet Ministers were told at a meeting in Tel Aviv yesterday. The Cabinet was briefed on defence requirements for the coming fiscal year. All Ministers were present, and the session took place at Army headquarters.

Defence expenditure, as slated at present, will come to IL33,500m., or more than one-third of the proposed IL92,000m. estimates (a figure that is likely to be trimmed by several billion pounds).

No discussion was held at the session. Defence Minister Shimon Peres, Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur and other senior officers detailed the budgetary specifcations of each sector. The meeting was a follow-up to last Sunday's gathering, which was devoted to economic developments and the national accounts — as a preliminary to deliberations on the budget proper.

Defence expenses are divided in two: $2,000m. of imports, which comes to IL19,500m. at the expected rate of exchange (including the defence levy); and IL14,000m. of local currency outlay.

The local allocation this year was IL10,500m., but a supplementary budget is expected. Allowing for a 27 per cent rise in the cost-of-living index, the proposed figue of IL14,000m. does not mean any increase in the volume of expenditure at constant prices, informed sources say.

The Cabinet will start discussing the budget of individual Government departments next week. Cabinet Secretary Gershon Avner was not present yesterday. He left in the morning for a speaking tour in the U.S. during his absence, the acting Secretary will be Dr. Michael Nir.

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Schlesinger 'inclined' to sell arms to Cairo

WASHINGTON (AP). — Defence Secretary James Schlesinger indicated yesterday that he is inclined toward selling arms to Egypt so that Egypt would not be reliant, as it has been in the past, on the Soviet Union for weapons.

Appearing on a television interview programme, Schlesinger recalled that the Soviet Union in the past had exerted what he called massive influence on Egypt through its dominance as a supplier of arms to Egypt. "Diversification of arms sales could alter that," Schlesinger said.

Man's oldest ancestors found in Tanzania

WASHINGTON (AP). — Archaeologists seeking the origins of man in East Africa said yesterday they have discovered the oldest known remains of man's ancient ancestors in a dry river bed in Tanzania.

Dr. Mary Leakey, who with her late husband, Louis, began searching for the fossilized remains of man 40 years ago, said the jaws and teeth of 11 individuals had been found last December. They have been dated by radioactive dating methods at between 3.3 million years and 3.75 million years old, she said.

"These are good firm dates," Dr. Leakey told a news conference called by the National Geographic Society, which has supported the Leakeys' work since 1960.

"They are now the earliest firmly dated hominid remains anywhere in the world," she said. Hominid is a term used to describe manlike creatures.

TOTAL PACKAGE NOW $2,240M.

Ford slices $60m. from aid to Israel

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Ford sent his long-delayed foreign aid bill to Congress yesterday, including $2,240m. in military and economic aid for Israel. This represented about $60m. less than Israel had expected to receive.

At the same time, Israeli officials in Washington were busy yesterday attempting to determine whether in fact all of the $1,500m. military portion of the aid proposal for Israel — the President also requested Congressional approval for $740m. in economic assistance — would in fact be in the form of loans, as written in the Congressional message, with none of it in the form of outright grants.

Until yesterday Israeli officials had been led to believe by the Ford Administration that about two-thirds of the $1,500m. military portion of the aid bill would be in the form of grants, and one-third in the form of credits.

Israeli officials said yesterday that if in fact the Administration had reconsidered, and determined that the whole $1,500m. military portion would be in the form of loans, then this would be bad for Israel.

U.S. officials later said the Administration would ask the Congress to make $500m. of the $1,500m. available in grant form.

Under U.S. law, the Congress must pass separate authorization and appropriation bills before the foreign aid can be distributed. The lengthy Congressional process will begin shortly, with hearings scheduled in the various sub-committees of the House and Senate.

Observers noted yesterday that if the Administration was indeed asking that all of the $1,500m. on the military side for Israel were in loans and not grants, the Congress could still reverse that decision and put some of the defence funds in the form of grants, as has occurred in the past.

The President's world-wide aid bill, which totals just under $5,000m., also includes:

- $750m. in economic aid for Egypt, and no military aid. "Egypt has made the bold decision to move from confrontation to negotiation as a means of resolving the Arab-Israeli dispute," Ford said. "Its leaders also must cope with serious economic problems whose resolution the United States is in a position to assist."
- Jordan will receive $100m. in military grants, $75m. in military loans, and $73m. in economic aid. "This assistance will strengthen Jordan's ability to hold on to the course of moderation it has consistently followed," Ford said.
- $90m. for Syria, all of it in economic aid. "This assistance will enable our development co-

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Rabin visit seen in Dec.

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is not now expected to visit the U.S. until December. Informed sources said yesterday the Premier had informed Washington that a November visit — which had been originally mooted — would be awkward for him.

The sources said that unless the U.S. insisted on "November or nothing," Mr. Rabin would probably go in December.

Dr. Kissinger had earlier pressed for a November visit apparently to discuss possible Golan negotiations before the UNDOF mandate lapses on November 30. But Syria's current reluctance to hold such negotiations — demonstrated by President Assad's refusal of an invitation to meet President Ford in Europe — has meant that the urgency of talks is now reduced.

At the UN, an informed source said that Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim plans to visit the Middle East in the second half of November. He will go to Damascus and Jerusalem seeking Syrian and Israeli consent to renewal of the UNDOF mandate, and will go on to Cairo.

Initial Ford-Sadat talks 'satisfactory'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — American officials said yesterday that the initial two days of talks on Monday and Tuesday between visiting Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and President Gerald Ford went very well despite some "uncomfortable" statements made by Sadat attacking Zionism and the "disgusting" behaviour of New York City Mayor Abraham Beame, who refused to welcome officially the Egyptian leader to New York.

"I think that in terms of the substance of the talks," one Administration official said, "it went very well." Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will continue their talks with Sadat in Jacksonville, Florida, on Sunday, where the Egyptian President has scheduled a "rest stop." Sadat will return to Washington to address a joint session of Congress on November 5.

In general, American officials are pleased that the visit by Sadat — the first ever to the U.S. by an Egyptian head of state — has enabled him to "get out" and meet the American people, journalists, editors, and local officials. "You have to understand," one official said, "that here's an Arab that doesn't have horns. Here's an attractive guy, who comes across as a very sincere, straightforward charming man."

Sadat's outburst against Zionism on Monday complicated what the Administration had hoped would be a continued projection of this moderate image. There are some officials at the State Department and the White House who believe that the media has needlessly harped on Sadat's anti-Zionist position in order to continue the "smear" campaign against Arabs in general.

Sadat is seen by Administration officials as representing the best hope for continued U.S. gains in the Arab world. The feeling among the Americans is that it is not only in the U.S. interest, but also in Israel's interest, to support a country that is moving in a pro-U.S. direction.

In fact, American officials are

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Social and Personal

Members of Knesset delegation invited by Congressional leaders of both houses to visit U.S. were yesterday the luncheon guests of U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon at his home in Herzliya. Members of the delegation are Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu; Ari Ankorian, chairman of the House Committee; Menahem Begin, chairman of the Likud faction; Chaika Grossman, chairman of the Public Services Committee; Zerah Warhaftig, chairman of the Legislative Committee; Yitzhak Ben-Aharon and Yosef Tamir.

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The mayors of the West German town of Andernach and of the French town of St. Amand-les-Eaux, who earlier this week signed twin-city pacts with the town of Dimona, on Wednesday called on Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu. They were accompanied by Jacques Amir, MK.

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Louis Stulberg, former president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, yesterday called on Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel.

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Amira Ariel of the Air Force on Wednesday night took first place in the annual IDF geography quiz held at the Jerusalem Theatre. Second place was won by Shmuel Golan of Nahal, and third place by Max Katzir of the Training Command.

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An Oneg Shabbat forum (in English) will be held at 8.15 tonight at Hechal Shlomo. The speakers will be Rabbi Moshe Rose and Yigal Kam and the Foreign Ministry. Zemirot: Cantor Arye Goldberg. A Melaveh Malka programme will be held at 8.00 p.m. tomorrow. Hayim Zohar will be the guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lendner will sing, and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

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An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 p.m. tonight, at Ihud Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Dr. David Kolib, chief librarian, Bar-Ilan University, and Alex Levine, South African settler.

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IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service for members of the Border Police who fell in action since the inception of the force was held yesterday at the police base at Eyal. Among those participating were Inspector-General Shaul Rosolio, Border Police commander Haim Levi, and former commander Pinhas Kopel.

ARRIVALS

Lea Rabin, from the U.S., where she was guest of honour at the Pioneer Women's Jubilee Conference in Miami (by Swissair).

DEPARTURES

Nitzav David Ofer, commander of the Tel Aviv Police District, to the U.S., on a UJA mission (by Swissair).

Rabin at Management Centre:

'Sinai accord gives time to reconstruct economy'

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The extent of Israel's political independence will be determined by what happens to the economy over the next year and half, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last night at the annual convention of the Israel Management Centre at the Hilton Hotel.

Rabin said the Sinai interim agreement has given Israel time to reconstruct the economy in a manner that will allow the country to come to grips with the economic and political problems which followed the Yom Kippur War. These, he pointed out, include extremely high military costs, an international economic depression, and an increase in the Arab states' political power.

The crux of the problem of achieving economic independence — to the extent that it is possible — lies in reducing the country's balance of payments deficit, he declared. Complete economic independence was an illusion, he said; but it was possible to improve the situation by increasing production and exports, freezing social services at their present level, and attempting to reduce Government subsidies wherever possible.

The Prime Minister stated that these factors, however, could only ameliorate Israel's economic problems. The chief factor determining the country's economic future, and thus its political future, was the necessity of every individual, to do his job to the same extent that the soldier does his. "In this we have not succeeded," he said.

Meir Amit, general manager of Koor Industries, told the meeting that the greatest blunder made by the Government was that it was still waiting for a "real emergency" — instead of realizing that the emergency was with us right now. He was referring to the address of Haim Bar-Lev, Minister of Commerce and Industry, who advised managers to be concerned about efficiency and savings in order to conserve the economy's resources and be prepared when the country has to face a "major test."

The time has come for re-assessment and changes in the basic preconditions for the economy's operations, Amit said. This should also include political orientation, he said.

In view of the obvious tendency of the U.S. to replace its traditional ties with Israel by those with Egypt, he stated, thought should be given to the possibilities of an alternative for Israel — perhaps including better ties with Russia.

He said that an end should be put to deficit financing, which generates galloping inflation with all its adverse consequences. On the wage front, he believed that compulsory arbitration in vital sectors of the economy should be considered. Subsidies and incentives both to investors and to consumers should be provided on a selective basis, according to a comprehensive plan, and not in a wholesale manner, as previously, he added.

Amit was bitter about the Government resorting to devaluations without properly preparing for the consequences. Instead of working by textbook methods, unconventional means should be considered in view of our present grave situation, he said.

Allon will visit Holland, Belgium

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon is to leave shortly on official visits to Holland and Belgium at the invitation of his opposite numbers, Max van der Stoel and Renaat van Elsand. While in Brussels, Allon will also visit the EEC headquarters.

From Belgium he will go to Mannheim, Germany, to head the Israel Labour Party's delegation to the German Social Democratic Party's (SPD) annual convention.

Officials said Allon's visit was to be seen as part of his ongoing effort to strengthen Israel's ties with Western Europe. He has hosted several European foreign ministers in Israel since becoming Foreign Minister 16 months ago; and he has made official visits to France and Germany, and several private visits to Britain, where he met with Prime Minister Wilson and Foreign Secretary Callaghan.

Allon held a luncheon in Jerusalem Wednesday for the ambassadors of all the EEC countries. Officials said Israel was appreciative of the EEC states' vote against the anti-Zionist resolution at the UN Third Committee.

Two jailed in Housing Min. bribery case

TEL AVIV. — The District Court here sentenced a Housing Ministry official to eight months' imprisonment and fined him IL3,000 for soliciting a bribe, and meted out a year's imprisonment and a IL300,000 fine to one of the contractors who accommodated him.

Avraham Klein, 52, who was in charge of water and sewerage for the Jerusalem district of the Housing Ministry, pressured the contractors to provide pipes and plumbing installations worth thousands of pounds for his home. The contractor, Oded Baltar, 40, of Savyon, was also convicted of padding his bill to the Housing Ministry — for jobs he did — to the tune of several hundred thousand pounds.

Baltar's partner, Uri Haklai, 36, received a six-month suspended sentence and a IL10,000 fine.

Three other Housing Ministry officials — Meir Vishnovsky, Edmond Schwartz and Moshe Pe'er, who all received holiday gifts worth several hundred pounds from the contractors — were cleared of the bribe charges.

But the judges strongly condemned the prevailing practice of presenting government officials with gifts. *(Itim)*

Man set fire to co-worker, gets 10 years' jail

TEL AVIV. — The District Court here yesterday sentenced a former Communications Ministry worker to 10 years' imprisonment. The man had set fire to a co-worker because he thought she was plotting against him.

Azriel Ya'acobi, 48, had been given the task of instructing Nitza Cornfeld when she began work in the ministry offices in Jaffa. However, she was advanced in position a year later. Ya'acobi poured a bottle of petrol over her and lit it, severely injuring her. *(Itim)*

N. African Jews hear attack on Gov't policy

DIMONA. — Participants in the World Conference of North African Jews, who met here yesterday, heard a scathing indictment of the Government's policy on investments from abroad, one of a number of unsettling incidents in yesterday's events.

Paul Ohana, chairman of the conference's economic committee, said delays, bureaucracy and lack of consideration for foreign investors all made it difficult to attract foreign capital. Nevertheless, Ohana told his listeners, they would do well to invest in land in Israel.

In another incident, Black Panther member Victor Thier said the delegate who hurled accusations at former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and was booed out of the hall on Wednesday was Yosef Shitrit of Kiryat Shmona, who lost his wife in an Arab terrorist attack on the town and whose brother was killed in the Yom Kippur War. Thier said Shitrit had been unfairly thrown out of the conference.

The delegates were again disturbed when they came to lay flowers at a memorial near here for a boatload of Jews which sank between Morocco and Gibraltar 20 years ago. A lone demonstrator at the site bore a placard which said that, between ceremonies, the memorial served as a garbage dump.

Haifa University closes to offset student strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Haifa University cancelled all classes yesterday to combat the decision by the Student Union to stage a warning strike yesterday and an indefinite strike starting on Sunday.

The strikes are meant to pressure the university senate and executive into restoring the second-chance examinations in the same academic term for students who had failed the first exams.

In a notice to the approximately 6,000 students, the university senate declared that classes will not be resumed until the proper conditions exist. "It looks to a representative and responsible student authority to create those conditions," the notice said.

The university senate warned that the first semester of the academic term might have to be cancelled if the situation continued.

The university senate also cancelled a meeting scheduled yesterday afternoon. A spokesman said that "no deliberations will be held under pressure from the Student Union."

BRIDGE CONGRESS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 10th Israel International Bridge Congress begins tomorrow at the Pal Hotel in Tel Aviv with the individual competition. Mixed pairs will compete Sunday and Monday, and teams of four on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The open pairs games will be held from November 8 to 11. The Master Teams will compete on November 12, when the final banquet will also take place.

The French Ambassador, Jean Herly (left), receives a gift from a child at the dedication of a Wizo creche in the Hatikva Quarter of Tel Aviv yesterday. Looking on are (left to right) Ellen Djian, president of Wizo in France; Dr. Jean Porge of France, who donated the creche; and Aya Dinstein, chairman of the World Wizo Executive. The creche, dedicated in memory of Dr. Porge's late wife, Simone, will care for 100 children, from six months to four years of age. The children will stay at the creche from 7.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and receive four meals, including a hot lunch. (Dekel)

Israel rugby XV to be named after final trial tomorrow

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's rugby team to meet the star-studded Northern Transvaal XV here on November 8 will be announced this weekend, following tomorrow's final trials at the Jessie Cohen ground in Holon.

Starting at 1.30 p.m., there will be two matches between the "possibles" and "probables," with the latter side led by Holon's Glenn Wilson, already named to captain Israel in the "Test" at Ramat Gan against South Africa's perennial provincial rugby champions.

Tedd Edelstein, Israel Rugby Football Union selection committee chairman and chief coach, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the two series of trials held so far had shown up a lot of talent. However, with the local rugby season only a fortnight old players were naturally short of vital match practice and not yet physically fit. "We are fairly satisfied with the backs, but apart from the loose forwards, the pack still lacks strength," Edelstein summed up.

Northern Transvaal, which will be by far the highest-calibre South African sports team ever to compete in Israel, on Tuesday thrashed Belgium's national XV by 63-0 during their current end-of-season European tour. The side, which includes six full Springboks, play West Germany tomorrow and are due here on Thursday en route for home.

U.S. aid to Israel

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operation with Syria to go forward, furthering our efforts to re-establish more normal bilateral relations," the President asserted.

In addition, the President is seeking approval for a $50m. special requirements fund "to be used to reinforce the peace process in the area and, in particular, to defray the costs of stationing American civilian technicians in the Sinai area."

The President will later seek authority to provide Egypt with about $250m. in surplus food sales, thus raising the total Egyptian aid package for the current fiscal year to about $1,000m. Last year Egypt received about $400m. in various forms of economic aid. Syria received about $100m. worth.

The President said that the $2.24m. in aid for Israel will "relieve" some of Israel's defence burdens and "reduces the prospects of new conflict in the Middle East." He noted that it will also help Israel "to defend herself."

Ford said that the Middle East aid portion of the bill provides Israel with "the assistance needed to maintain security and to persevere in the negotiating process."

He said that the money to the Arab states gives "tangible expression to our new and fruitful relations with the Arab nations most directly involved." He added that it will "encourage those which are seriously prepared to work for peace."

"I believe," Ford said, "that the hopes for a lasting solution to the Arab-Israel dispute is stronger today than at any time in the previous quarter century." He added: "All of this aid will contribute to the confidence that Middle Eastern nations must have in the U.S. if we are to maintain our momentum toward peace."

The aid bill was originally expected to be submitted to Congress last spring, but was delayed for some six months because of the collapse of Secretary of State Kissinger's March shuttle. It was further delayed until yesterday, following the first two days of talks on Monday and Tuesday between Ford and President Sadat.

Last January, when Israel originally submitted its military and economic aid requests to the U.S., it asked for about $2,500m. worth of assistance. Later, during the August shuttle, Israel increased its aid request to about $3.3m. because of the extra costs it would incur following the withdrawal of the Abu Rodeis oilfields and the necessity to built a new defence line in Sinai.

Congressional sources predict a tough fight to pass the full amount for Israel, and there will be an even tougher fight if Israel's friends on Capitol Hill will have to fight to change the loan-grant mix regarding military aid.

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present strike was declared by a minority of the employees — 600 mechanics out of a total of more than 5,000 employees — will undoubtedly insist on the creation of a workers' council and a supreme staff committee representing all the employees.

The agreement signed by the strikers' yesterday was widely regarded as a total surrender. The mechanics agreed to:

- return to work immediately;
- postpone all demands for regrading or wage rises until the start of negotiations next April on the new wage agreement;
- accept Histadrut discipline;
- agree to the formation of an overall workers' council.

Holon girl to U.S. for eye operation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An eight-year-old Holon girl, Oshra Kaziel, left on Wednesday for the U.S., where she will have eye surgery performed to save her sight.

Olympic Airways provided the youngster, her mother and her family doctor with free round-trip tickets. Travel taxes were waived on the recommendation of the Ministry of Interior.

Residents of Holon contributed about IL50,000 to cover the cost of the operation and other expenses.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with possible storms.
Outlook for Saturday: Partly cloudy with local showers.
Weather Synopsis: Unstable conditions.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	30	13—30	11—19
Golan	28	11—22	10—20
Nahariya	—	14—24	14—23
Safad	58	11—20	10—18
Haifa Port	59	15—21	15—20
Tiberias	54	14—29	13—28
Nazareth	49	14—24	12—23
Afula	36	11—26	10—25
Shomron	45	08—21	12—19
Tel Aviv	60	15—23	14—23
B-G Airport	47	12—26	12—25
Jericho	23	12—29	12—28
Gaza	—	16—26	15—24
Beersheba	40	10—24	13—23
Eilat	25	17—29	16—29
Tiran Straits	43	20—27	19—27

Zuabi will not run for mayor of Nazareth

NAZARETH. — Seif e-Din Zuabi, MK, who resigned as mayor here last year because of difficulties in the administration, yesterday said he would definitely not run for mayor in the municipal election to be held December 9, the Local Labour Party branch announced yesterday.

He said he would prefer to devote himself to helping all of Israel's Arab population.

Zuabi left office in April last year after complaining about lack of cooperation from councillors in his efforts to overcome the town's financial difficulties.

Three candidates are expected to vie with Rakah (the New Communists) in the mayoral race, to be run on a personal basis for the first time this year. They are George Sadaf, secretary of the Nazareth Labour Council, and Haled Zuabi, a relative of the Knesset member — both on Alignment-backed lists; and Hussein Fahoum, who is affiliated with the National Religious Party. *(Itim)*

UN Beirut 'refugees' in Israel

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ROSH HANIKRA. — Some 200 women and children — families of UN personnel — have been evacuated to Israel from Beirut in the past two days, a UN officer told newsmen here yesterday.

The officer, who asked not to be identified, had himself escorted a five-car convoy from Beirut yesterday, carrying his own wife and four children. The vehicles, which included Jaguar, Volvo and Mercedes cars, were packed to the roofs with personal belongings of the "UN refugees" — suitcases, baby carriages and playpens.

An exhausted wife of a UN man from Jamaica told reporters: "What I need now is a good sleep and several days to forget that nightmare."

A Dutchwoman said that, in the past several months, her children had been unable to attend school for a single day, because of the shooting. "In our Beirut suburb we were not able to get bread or milk, there was no electricity, almost no telephone lines left, and water was only available in bottles. But since the shops are closed there was no way we could get water," she said.

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PAYIS WINNERS

TEL AVIV.—In the Mif'al Hapayis lottery No. 44/75 held here last night, the following numbers won:

IL500,000 — 706060; IL100,000 — 454617; IL50,000 — 199822; IL10,000 — 569051, 303315; IL5,000 — 051997, 106110, 162796, 185379, 263357, 492607, 533450, 639268, 771578, 785977; IL1,000—all tickets ending with 06901, 29759, 31553, 39797, 55452, 59727, 81303, 85340, 86982.

All tickets ending with the digit "2" won IL6.

In the "Zuta" lottery No. 45/75 the following numbers won:

IL30—all tickets ending with 650, 443; IL12—all tickets ending with 93, 53; IL6—all tickets ending with 05, 07, 08, 23, 24, 27, 30, 31, 32, 49, 52, 63, 65, 68, 74, 75, 79, 80, 87, 95.

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Thousands welcome Katzir at visit to Shfar'am

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SHFAR'AM. — President Ephraim Katzir — in the first official visit ever paid by an Israeli President to an Arab town in this country — was yesterday given the freedom of the city by Shfar'am's Mayor Ibrahim Nimr Hussein.

Hundreds of local notables and guests from throughout Galilee applauded as the two men embraced and kissed.

Shfar'am, today a largely Arab (Moslem and Christian) town with a small Druse minority, was once the seat of the Sanhedrin and a provincial capital during the Ottoman period.

"The Middle East has emerged in our time as one of the world's richest areas in natural resources but yet exploited for the benefit of all the peoples suffering from low standards of living and education," the President said. "To our regret, these immense resources are being wasted in preparations for unnecessary wars."

The President arrived at the festively decorated town welcomed by thousands of flag-waving pupils who lined the street to the reception hall. Although 40 per cent of the population is Christian, only Moslem notables sat on the dais. It was rumoured that Christian notables boycotted the reception because of an internal civic dispute.

Mayor Nimr Hussein suggested that the President visit more Arab towns and become acquainted with their problems, since their residents regarded themselves as an integral part of the State. Shfar'am needs more land for development, more civil service jobs for its educated young men, and more admissions to Israeli universities, the mayor said.

After visiting Shfar'am, Prof. Katzir was the guest of the Beduin tribe Arab Hajirat at Bir el-Maksour — on the Shfar'am-Nazareth road — and of its sheikh, Mohammed Hassan Jadir.

High schoolers at anti-UN resolution rally

TEL AVIV. — Two thousand high school pupils from the Tel Aviv area held a rally here yesterday condemning the "anti-Zionist" resolution passed by a UN committee.

Key speaker at the rally, held at the Tel Aviv cinema here, was Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner, who said the struggle for the Jewish people's right to exist was passing into the hands of the younger generation. "We had hoped... you would be spared this struggle," he said. "But 70 countries throughout the world have now told us otherwise."

In another protest, representatives of the Committee of Sephardi Jews in Jerusalem yesterday called on the Spanish Consul-General to register their protest at Spain's voting in favour of the UN resolution.

In Geneva, the International Commission of Jurists, an organization of eminent jurists pledged to defend the worldwide rule of law, yesterday criticized the resolution, saying it showed a disregard for juridical norms.

"To categorize Zionism, which is the expression of the aspiration of Jews to establish and maintain their own state, as racism, is to equate nationalism with racism," the independent Geneva-based group said. *(Itim, Reuter)*

BRITISH ENVOY ENDS DIPLOMATIC CAREER
Back to Khyber, then Jane Austen

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

When Sir Bernard Ledwidge, the outgoing British Ambassador to Israel, winds up his tour of duty — and also his diplomatic career — in Tel Aviv next week, having reached the age of 60, he will board a plane and head straight for the Khyber Pass. It will be a sentimental journey, taking him back more than 30 years, to the time of World War II, when Ledwidge commanded Jamroud Fort, defending the pass with his Pathan soldiers of the Frontier Force Regiment against marauding tribesmen.

It was real-life Kipling, the last years of it, before the Khyber became a border point between independent Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Ledwidge has a kind word today for the marauding tribesmen. "They were rather sporting really," he says, with a far-away twinkle in his eye. "Didn't take advantage of our difficulties. In fact, they took no cognizance of World War II at all."

He became attached to that romantic part of the world — and was the only Foreign Service official ever to have passed the service exam in Pashtu, the local dialect. After the war he served in London at the India Office, and then at the Foreign Office, and began his successful diplomatic career as first secretary and charge d'affaires in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Before the war had drawn him to soldiery, and thence into diplomacy, Ledwidge had been a promising classics scholar. Educated at a Catholic grammar school, he won scholarships to Cambridge and then to the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton. His specialty was ancient Greek history.

As a diplomat he specialized in European affairs. He served as minister in Paris under Ambassador Christopher Soames ("One day, when it's discreet to do so, I'll give my version of the 'Soames Affair'"), and later as ambassador to Finland, before coming to Israel in 1972.

With this diverse and exciting background, Sir Bernard will have little difficulty finding interesting occupation in his retirement. In fact, as he unfolds his plans, it seems he will be hard put to find time for everything.

He hopes to find a challenging position, either in commerce or in the academic world. With his expertise in Anglo-French relations, he intends to write in the press on this subject. And he is determined now to devote himself to his great love — Jane Austen. "In my younger years," he admits, "I was bored by Jane Austen. But while in Afghanistan I read the whole lot — and I became an addict."

His particular interest is Austen's attitude to public affairs. Readers and critics often come away feeling that she was oblivious to the world around her, to current events. But this is quite wrong, Ledwidge maintains. "I think I can show she was fully aware that the Battle of Waterloo had taken place, and that it would bring great changes to Britain and Europe." He intends to write a book unveiling the many "half-submerged" references to current events in Austen's works, and analysing her attitude to them.

Ambassador Ledwidge

His wife, Flora Groult, is a famous French novelist. Her books sell 100,000 copies or more in France, he says with pride, though the English-language translations have not been so successful. The books are peculiarly French, he explains, in their Parisian settings, and in their Proustian style of introspection and slow-moving action.

Lady Ledwidge is planning a book set in Israel, and the couple hope to return here while she works on it. "Perhaps Mayor Kollek will invite us to Mishkenot Sha'ananim," Sir Bernard says hopefully.

Tall, with silver hair and aristocratic speech and bearing, Ledwidge cut a rather formal and formidable figure when he first came to Israel. Relations with Britain, then under the Heath-Home government, were also icy; and this did not make matters easier either for the new ambassador or for his Israeli hosts.

As time passed, however, officials here came to realize that Ledwidge's stuffiness was only shirt deep. Beneath they perceived a keenly professional mind and a compassionate grasp of Israel's problems. When he was knighted last year his many Israeli friends rejoiced with him.

Sir Bernard himself says his three years here have been "enlightening. I see more clearly now the intrinsic difficulties of making a final peace settlement. There is no tradition in this part of the world of settling differences by treaties.

"In 1798 the Ottoman sultan made an agreement with the British. His subjects were absolutely shocked at the thought of a treaty with the infidels, and the sultan had to publish a special *firman* assuring everyone that it was only a temporary agreement aimed at ousting Napoleon from the area."

But while he sees the difficulties, he firmly believes that the task of peacemaking is "not hopeless.

"All the countries in this area are new states, except for Egypt. They have all got to learn together to conduct themselves as independent states. Clearly, each Middle East war has been more dangerous — for the whole world — than the one before. I hope the states of this area are learning that in real life you have to be content with less than 100 per cent of what you want..."

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Suspended head of Solel Boneh may resume job

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Zvi Rechter, the suspended general manager of Solel Boneh, may be returning to his job in the near future, *The Post* reliably learned yesterday.

The Tel Aviv District Attorney this week decided to return Rechter's passport and his IL100,000 bail bond.

Several months ago he was arrested and charged with currency infractions and fraudulent transactions with banker Tibor Rosenbaum. He was released on bail.

A National Police Headquarters spokesman said Rechter had requested to have his passport and bail returned. However, the spokesman said, the case was still being investigated.

At Solel Boneh, a spokesman stated: "There is an urgent need for a general manager, and we hope it will be Mr. Rechter.

Judge says Sassoon papers should not be sold abroad

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Donations to the Sassoon collection fund were boosted by a cheque for IL1,250 from the teachers and pupils of the Sharett High School in Netanya yesterday. Several other donations bring the fund up to about IL155,000 (and not IL150,000, as reported erroneously in *The Post* yesterday). The Bat Dor Dance Company has offered to help the campaign by putting on a benefit performance.

The president of the Tel Aviv Rotary Club, Judge Yitzhak Shilo, however, is taking a different approach. At the weekly club meeting yesterday, he called on the owner of the collection of antique Jewish manuscripts, Rabbi Solomon David Sassoon, to donate it to the State of Israel. He reasoned that, as a resident of the country and as a lover of Israel," the rabbi should not sell abroad a treasure which has inestimable historic and educational value. Opposing the public effort to collect funds, the judge said, "No matter how much is contributed, it will not come near the amount sums asked by the rabbi." (The collection is worth about $8m.)

The key buyers at the auction to be held next Wednesday by Sotheby's at the Zurich hotel, Baur au Lac, will probably bid anonymously. This is common practice at important sales, because big buyers are afraid that by revealing their identity they may drive up prices.

If there is only one bidder on a particular item, the auctioneer himself will bid up to the reserve price the auction house or the owner have placed on the article. If the auctioneer, acting on behalf of the owner, remains the last bidder, the owner has to "buy back" his article. This practice is designed to prevent an article from being snapped up by a lucky, unopposed bidder, for less than it is worth.

Sotheby's standard commission if a sale is made, is 10 per cent. It may be 3 to 5 per cent of the previous evaluation, if no sale is made. But in the case of a large and valuable collection belonging to one owner, the auctioners may make a special deal with the owner. Admission to the sale is free, but prospective buyers not known to the house have to pay at least half the purchase price on the spot. Michael Kaniel, owner of the Collector antique shop in Jerusalem, who plans to attend the sale, described as "apocryphal" stories of a man at an auction scratching his head — and emerging as the highest bidder because the auctioneer mistook his movement as a buying signal. He told *The Post*, however, that buyers sometimes use pre-arranged signals, such as stroking their chin or aranging their tie, to indicate that they are upping their bid. Such secrecy helps them preserve their anonymity.

Kollek commends Beame for not meeting Sadat

Jerusalem Post Staff

Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday cabled congratulations to New York City Mayor Abraham Beame for his refusal to greet Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

"My fellow members on the Jerusalem City Council join me in commending you on your stand for principles of humanity and integrity," the telegram read.

Kollek's wire followed an appeal from the Likud faction earlier in the day to make such a gesture of support for Beame's stand.

Mayor Pinhas Eylon of Holon, in his capacity as chairman of the Union of Local Authorities, yesterday also cabled congratulations to Beame. Eylon praised Beame, not only for his courage to stand up against pressure, but also for his "proud Jewish stance" in refusing to meet Sadat.

"LAMATHIL" the weekly in easy Hebrew, published its 1,000th edition Tuesday. The paper claims a readership of 20,000 with facsimile editions reaching another 15,000 in the U.S., Canada and Argentina.

Soviet Jewish painter on hunger strike in prison

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Boris Penson, a painter who was sentenced to 10 years in prison in 1910 in the first Leningrad trial, yesterday declared a hunger strike to mark "Political Prisoner Day" in the Soviet Union, it was reliably learned here.

Penson, who is serving at Barashevo Camp, has got word to his friends here that he is pressing for the right of Jews to leave Russia.

"I appeal to my fellow citizens from this darkest corner of the Soviet so-called paradise, a concentration camp in Mordovo: Do all you can to prevent the vast Russian prison of nations from being locked and bolted again," he wrote.

His appeal reflects the fear that the present small stream of Jewish emigration may soon be stopped.

A special "socialist internationalism" exists in Soviet concentration camps, Penson writes. Patriots from supposedly sovereign republics — Ukrainians, Armenians, Lithuanians, Letts, Moldavians and Jews — are united by common aspirations and common sufferings.

In a message to his fellow Soviet Jews, Penson noted that the fight to leave the Soviet Union is hard but necessary. But, he adds, "One day your children will ask you: Why are we here? Why are we in exile? Do you think they will understand your rationalizations about the 'difficulties'?"

Russian Jewish poet arrives for readings

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Alexander Galish, the Soviet Jewish poet and song writer who was expelled from Russia in 1974 for his part in the protest movement, arrived here on Wednesday for a series of performances in Israel.

The 57-year-old poet, now head of the Russian section of Radio Free Europe in Munich, will appear at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv and in other areas with large concentrations of Russian-speaking immigrants. *(Itim)*

A GEORGIAN synagogue was dedicated in Beersheba Tuesday. The facility cost more than IL1m. and will seat 500.

S/N Sharf heads Tel Aviv Police Fraud Section

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Sgan-Nitzav Moshe Sharf, Tel Aviv police spokesman, has been appointed head of the Tel Aviv Police Fraud Section. He replaces Sgan-Nitzav Arye Naor, who is retiring after 38 years on the force.

N/S Sharf

S/N Sharf, who has been on the force for 27 years, was deputy head of the Fraud Section before being appointed spokesman. He is known as one of the veteran detectives in the financial field.

Replacing S/N Sharf as spokesman will be 28-year-od Pakad Avinoam Khani.

Old army pontoons may help Kinneret fishermen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Fisheries Division is studying a proposal to use surplus army pontoon bridges to extend Lake Kinneret's fishing and boating jetties, "stranded" by the fall in the level of the lake.

The fishermen and the Kinneret boating company recently asked the Government to extend the jetties, but extensions would cost several million pounds and would become unnecessary when the water level rose again.

Menahem Ben-Yami, head of the Agriculture Ministry's Fisheries Technology Division, who made the suggestion, said no-longer-serviceable pontoon sections would be ideal for temporarily extending the jetties.

ECONOMIC COMMENT — DAVID KRIVINE

Income tax strike — full of contradictions

THE SANCTIONS which have nearly halted the work of the Income Tax Department derive from an old dispute over wage linkage. But the underlying grievance is the taxmen's conviction that their work is more skilled, professional and demanding than that of other Government departments.

They would like the Cabinet to set up a separate Tax Authority, like the Ports Authority, which would then be able to adopt a wage system different from (and higher than) the one in the Civil Service. Being themselves torn between statist ideas and democratic principles, they have blundered into contradictions, which actually help their critics in other, rival Government departments. If a tax assessor deserves higher pay because he has to match his wits against the country's sharpest lawyers, auditors and businessmen, that does not mean that his typist should get more money too.

Yet his own works committee negotiated a "special increment" for everybody in the department, right down to the typists and cleaning women. Small wonder that other sections of the public service want the increment as well.

The taxmen are also limited by the fact that their signature is visibly appended to a collective agreement, which states explicitly what they are entitled to. They cannot legally ask for more until March 31, when the agreement expires.

These considerations led them into an impasse. So they fell back on a demand which sounds wrong headed, quarrelsome and petty.

The collective agreement offered one opening only which they could exploit. The Civil Service Commission was permitted to allocate special increments to individual groups within the civil service, if their work was particularly arduous or required exceptional qualifications. The Income Tax Department put in for that, and got it.

But employees of the National Insurance Institute also collect money from the public. They demanded the same benefit, and it was duly awarded to them. Great care was taken to make sure that each Institute man received exactly the same increment as his opposite number in the Treasury.

Yet the Income Tax Department has now applied sanctions (do not receive the public, do not accept tax payments), allegedly because they want "parity" with the Institute — that same Institute which went on strike last May because they wanted parity with the Treasury.

WHAT IS THE POINT the tax officials are trying to make? It is necessary to explain the background. There are jobs in the two agencies that carry the same title, but do not necessarily comprise the same function. The Institute has a director, and so has the Income Tax Department. The negotiating parties in the Institute graded their own director (for purposes of the increment) as a director-general, and the income tax director as a departmental head.

This is formally correct, and even — to dispel any doubts — has been approved by the Civil Servants' Union, which was given the last word over the definitions.

But the taxmen disagree. Their whole point is that tax assessment and collection are a more skilled occupation than any other in the civil service; so how can their chief be graded lower than the chief of another agency?

Again, "Clerks Receiving the Public" (the initials read pakak in Hebrew) exist in both organizations. But the pakak in the Institute happens to hold a more responsible job; and there are fewer of them than in the Treasury. Yet the taxmen want a pakak in their service to get the same increment as a pakak in the Institute.

The difference in terms of salary is a paltry five per cent. It seems singularly unpatriotic to shut down parts of a national service just for that. The taxmen's answer is that they have been requesting for a whole decade not just the same as others, but more — because their job justifies their getting more, as any objective investigation would reveal.

In fact they would terminate their sanctions if the Government did exactly that: appoint an impartial committee to decide what their wages ought to be, relative to other wages in the public service.

To make their point, they have tabled a whole list of new, separate and additional demands that are completely outside the framework of their signed contract, and cannot be taken altogether seriously. They request a bigger pension, and on top of that a retirement grant. They want the State to pay for the secondary and university education of their children.

They want the State to pay not only the employer's contribution to national insurance on their behalf, but the worker's share as well. Their grounds are that Bank Leumi does that (although the bank abandoned the arrangement some time ago, on discovering that it was illegal).

THE REAL AIM of the tax officials is to drive the Government into appointing a committee on their bid for higher pay. That is plainly an impossible demand. It would simply be a repetition of a lamentable experience already undergone. A committee under Professor Yosef Gross was nominated to investigate the taxmen's claim to the special increment. It approved the claim. And what happened then?

The Customs Department, of course, put in their claim straightaway, and successfully. The National Insurance Institute struck, and got the increment too. The computer section serving the Institute decided it was their turn. They were granted the allowance as from next January. So the Office Mechanization Centre in the Treasury, whose computers process (among other things) tax material, asked for parity with the Institute's computer unit, and got it.

Since then the rest of the Treasury has applied for the increment, all departments in the Ministry; and not only they. All other Government departments have joined the queue — all 15 of them.

The Income Tax Department may be superior (at least some jobs within it); but no other Government department can be persuaded that they themselves are inferior. There is no way out of this democratic deadlock, except a little common sense on the part of the tax collectors. They can, after all (if they want more money) always retire from the service and become tax advisers — which, by the way, a good many have done. Such an exodus is, according to the laws of supply and demand, the correct method of proving to the Government that wages in the department are really too low.

WEAVERS in the Kitan textile factory in Dimona will soon begin working five days a week, for a trial period of two to three months. The decision was taken, according to management, to avert the dismissal of 100 employees.

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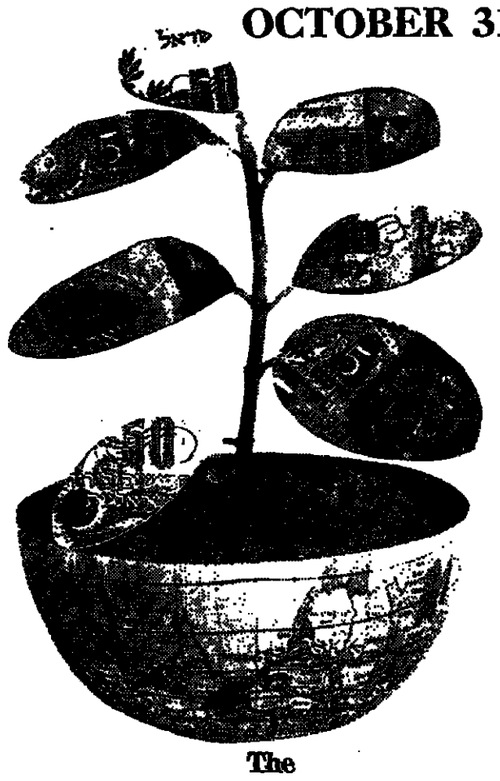

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Sadat wants U.S. as economic partner

NEW YORK. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on Wednesday night invited American businessmen to invest in his country in a new economic partnership.

"We propose to invite foreign investors to bring not only their capital, but also their know-how," he told an audience of more than 800 *business leaders at a dinner* given by the Economic Club of New York.

The Egyptian leader, who earlier in the day addressed the UN General Assembly on the Middle East problem, devoted his entire dinner speech to Egypt's battle for economic development.

He said his country was liberalizing its laws, eliminating restrictions, combating bureaucracy and rewarding initiative.

"We are also reviving the stock exchange which remained defunct for about 15 years," he added, referring to its closure by the late President Nasser.

Despite attempts by Washington and Cairo to encourage U.S. investment in Egypt, no major industrial ventures have yet been established.

American businessmen blame constant frustration in dealing with Egyptian government red tape and Egypt's poorly defined foreign investment policy for the failure, as well as continuing political uncertainty in the Middle East.

Sadat, who has risked political embarrassment in the Arab world by actively soliciting American business, told the audience of commercial and civic leaders here that his country needed an economic *blood transfusion.*

In Cairo, yesterday officials of the First National City Bank of the U.S. said their new branch office in the Egyptian capital would be open for business on Monday as scheduled.

The bank, with a working capital of $2.55m., will deal only in foreign exchange transactions and in an advisory capacity to international firms coming to Egypt for investment under Sadat's new "open-door" policy. *(Reuter, UPI)*

68 die in Prague air crash

PRAGUE (Reuter). — Sixty-Eight people died yesterday when a *Yugoslav charter plane* with 115 Czechoslovak holidaymakers and five crew crashed after hitting a hilltop in heavy fog near here. There were 52 survivors.

The plane, an American-built DC-9, went down near Sedlec, a northern suburb of Prague, the Czechoslovak Transport Ministry said.

The plane was bringing the holidaymakers back from Tivat on Yugoslavia's southern Adriatic coast.

The plane ploughed through vegetable gardens, demolishing several empty huts, and came to rest with its nose embedded in garages a few metres in front of a two-storey building.

Rescuers appeared to have been on the scene soon after the crash and firemen were reported to have put out a fire before it could engulf the whole aircraft.

Portugal at brink of abyss, says army chief

LISBON (Reuter). — Portugal's Army Commander-in-Chief said in an interview published here yesterday that the country was "at the brink of the abyss" and faced a ferocious right-wing dictatorship if the government fell.

General Carlos Fabiao, who is visiting West Germany, told the weekly "Flama" magazine that the moderate government of admiral Jose Pinheiro de Azevedo provided the only means by which the country could move to the left.

"The fall of the sixth government would inevitably drag the country to a ferocious right-wing dictatorship, perhaps passing temporarily via a left-wing dictatorship."

His warning reflected the continued political tension caused by the government's admitted vulnerability to a possible coup from the left or the right.

But the only development of any significance in the last 24 hours was an internal anti-Communist revolt which prevented one of Lisbon's two main morning newspapers, "O Seculo," from being published yesterday.

The newspaper's employees, opposed to the present pro-Communist tendency, have been occupying the premises since yesterday. They are trying to enforce a resolution approved in a ballot calling for the management's dismissal.

But the Communist faction is fighting the move, especially since its rivals have proposed a pro-socialist management.

The Socialist and Centrist Democrat Parties, both far outnumbering the Communist Party in the government, have been pressing for action to prevent state-owned newspapers such as "O Seculo" from favouring the Communists.

Murdered Lebanese playboy may have been Paris arms broker

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — French police believe that Romeo Riachi, the 38-year-old public relations officials of Middle East Airlines-Air Liban, who was battered to death in Paris this week, may have been an arms broker working for Arab governments.

Police were investigating this theory yesterday as they probed the activities of the balding Lebanese playboy who was found lying in his pyjamas in the living room of his luxurious flat by the porter of the building.

Investigators here say there do not appear to be any similarities *between the murder of Riachi* and the reported bloody settlements of scores in France between Palestinian terrorists and Israeli secret agents.

Riachi was battered with an iron crowbar, an instrument rarely used by professional assassins. It was discovered in a garbage chute by detectives.

A woman living in a neighbouring flat told police she heard somebody forcing open the lid of the chute at 11 p.m. *on the night before* the dead man's body was found. Apparently, the killer had difficulty disposing of the iron bar.

Riachi seems to have known his attacker because he allowed him to enter the flat while he was in his pyjamas about to retire for the night.

When the hall porter brought up a bottle of mineral water to Riachi, as he did every morning, and opened the door with his pass key, he noticed that the catch on the door was not locked. Riachi, highly suspicious of strangers, always set this catch.

At the office of the airlines, a *colleague said: "When Mr. Riachi* left the office at about 5.45 p.m. he did not seem to have any worries, although he was just as sad as all Lebanese about the terrible civil war in our country."

Riachi had a well-earned reputation as a 'ladies' man and regularly entertained young women at his apartment in the elegant Rue Auguste-Vacquerie, near the Arc de Triomphe. He was a former journalist and founder of the Beirut satirical paper *"Le Journaliste* Errant." He came from a Greek-Catholic family. His brother, Jea, is Lebanon's ambassador to Czechoslovakia.

To support their theory that Riachi was involved in undercover arms deals between France and Arab states, police said he was known to deal in weapons as well as ballbearings and water desalinisation equipment.

U.S. bank robber frees hostages and surrenders

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP). — A 56-year-old ex-convict who held six persons hostage for more than 20 hours was taken in custody yesterday by police and the last of the hostages were freed unharmed.

Two hostages were removed on stretchers about 11.30 a.m. The other four walked out half an hour later.

Edward O. Watkins, who took his hostages after police thwarted his holdup attempt on Wednesday afternoon, was brought out by police in handcuffs.

Police Chief Lloyd Garey and an FBI agent had met with Watkins before his surrender. Garey said that Watkins was a former Clevelander with convictions for robbery and parole violations dating back to 1938.

Asked how much money Watkins was demanding, Garey said "around $50,000 or so." He said that police wouldn't give in to Watkins' demands. A force of some 200 police officers maintained a vigil throughout the night and morning hours.

Hand sewn back

TOKYO (UPI). — A Japanese woman, Mrs. Umeno Nakamaki, 71, has regained partial use of a hand that was cut off in an accident and sewn back on by doctors, a spokesman for Shinshua University Hospital said yesterday.

Schmidt sees Mao

PEKING (AP). — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt met with Chairman Mao Tse-tung yesterday.

The meeting had been tentatively *scheduled before the Chancellor left* Bonn for his five-day state visit here, but it was held without prior notice.

Swedish terror alert

STOCKHOLM (UPI). — At least three members of the left-wing Baader-Meinhof terrorist group are believed to be in Sweden, and the police are on nation-wide alert.

'Sahara is not worth a drop of Spanish blood'

MADRID (AP). — Spain, Morocco and Mauritania yesterday wound up a two-day round of exhaustive talks that sources here termed "crucial" toward a solution of the disputed Spanish Sahara issue.

No official word on the outcome of the talks was immediately available, but unconfirmed reports said negotiations are well on the way toward a "satisfactory and peaceful" solution of the problem.

It was said here that General Franco, now fighting what appears the last battle of his life, had expressed his bedside desire the Sahara problem was ended as soon as possible.

Hundreds of Spanish civilians have already been evacuated ahead of a planned "march of conquest" of the territory by 350,000 unarmed Moroccans. Plans are under way to complete the evacuation of all civilians by November 15.

Reports said that even the remains of an estimated thousand Spaniards buried at the Sahara will be flown to the Canary Island.

Spanish sources said Spain is *leaving the Sahara without fulfilling* a pledge to defend it from outside attacks because of the attitude of the UN on the issue. The UN first recommended and Spain accepted self-determination for Saharans. "But the UN have left us down ahead of the planned Moroccan march and we are at a mess what to do," Spanish sources said.

"We cannot enter war with anybody over the Sahara because it is not worth a single drop of Spanish blood," they added.

Police raid London homes

LONDON (UPI). — The police raided homes in and around London early yesterday in pursuit of the Irish Republican Army bombers whose latest attack wounded *18 persons, four of them Amer*icans. One suspect was arrested.

This brought to nine the number of IRA suspects seized since Monday. Four were identified as women. All are being held under an anti-terrorism act that enables authorities to detain them without charges for 72 hours.

The police raiders went into action within hours of the 10th bombing in the recent wave, a blast at the Italian Trattoria Fiori restaurant, 100 metres from the American Embassy on Groavenor Square on Wednesday night.

Without warning, the seven-to-10-pound bomb exploded outside window and sprayed the diners and staff with shards of glass. Seven of the wounded were hospitalized overnight.

A police spokesman said the attack apparently was designed to inflict as much death or injury as possible, coming without warning. The restaurant itself was a wreck of broken glass, twisted steel and collapsed ceiling.

Ford-Sadat

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even hopeful that Israel might eventually recognize that it is in Israel's best interest to see that Egypt receives arms from the U.S. and not from the Soviet Union. Until now, Israel has informed the U.S. that it strongly opposes the *establishment of a U.S.-Egyptian* military supply relationship.

Ford is believed to have told Sadat that the U.S. will not be able to provide Egypt with arms for at least several months, and possibly for as long as one year. As long as Israel opposes U.S. arms shipments to Egypt, it remains very probable that Congress will veto such sales, the Administration is said to have told Sadat.

Thus, Sadat, who is described by officials as a "realist," has been downplaying the need for U.S. arms during public statements over the past few days. Obviously, if Sadat were to make the arms issue a big demand, and if he were then *to go home empty-handed, the visit* would be intepreted as a defeat — a development that Sadat is determined to avoid.

"He's a proud guy," an official said. "He's not going to come begging."

Once the administration begins to receive signals from Israel that it would not fight U.S. arms to Egypt, then the Administration will seek congressional endorsement for such a programme, according to American officials. "The last thing we want to do is to get into a big confrontation with Israel on Capitol Hill," an official said.

The hope among American policymakers is that "ultimately" Israel will recognize that it is not in Israel's interest "to throw Sadat back into bed with the Russians, or force him to go to the French." However, officials recognize that Israel is unlikely to change its position for at least several months in order to see how the Sinai accord is proceeding.

"I think we wil have to let things proceed at their pace and not try to force them," an official commented.

Loan guarantee vote for N.Y. by Senate body

WASHINGTON. — The Senate Banking Committee yesterday approved a bill with $4 billion in loan guarantees for New York City and *sent the measure to an uncertain* fate on the Senate floor and a threatened presidential veto.

On an 8-to-5 vote the committee approved a measure that would put the city on a Spartan fiscal regime to balance its budget and to prevent it from defaulting on its obligations on December 1.

On Wednesday, President Ford told the National Press Club in Washington, in his toughest speech yet on a domestic issue, that he *would veto congressional measures* aimed at averting default.

He outlined plans which would enable New York to file for bankruptcy and also promised that the city would not go without police, fire and other essential services if it defaulted.

The president's remarks drew immediate criticism from the city's mayor, Abraham Beame. He told newsmen that the president's speech was "nothing less than a declaration of default by the White House — a default of presidential leadership in the face of the nation's most pressing domestic crisis."

The city needs to find $150m by November 14 to ward off default and Mayor Beame estimates it would still need $1,000m. this *fiscal* year to keep running. *(AP, Reuter)*

Liberzon shares lead with Hungarian

REYKJAVIK (Reuter). — Ribli of Hungary and V. Liberzon of Israel took the lead yesterday with five and a half points each in a zonal chess championship here which counts towards the world championship.

Ribli was better placed having played only six rounds to Liberzon's seven.

In the seventh round yesterday Liberzon beat Van den Broeck (Belgium).

UK ministers to tour Arab states

LONDON (AP). — Two Foreign Office ministers next month will make separate swings through a *total of 10 Middle East countries* as part of Britain's drive for trade and other economic benefits in the region, the government said Wednesday.

Foreign Secretary James Callaghan will make a nine-day journey beginning November 22 to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman. His deputy, David Ennals, leaves on November 11 for an 11-day tour to Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

SPORTS ABROAD — BERNIE BERNIKE

World Football League folds

NATIONAL Football League commissioner Pete Rozelle said that Larry Csonka — or any other World Football League player — would not be allowed to sign an NFL contract for the rest of this season. Rozelle acted on the advice of attorneys after the WFL quit operations over the weekend. Attorneys representing Memphis owner John Bassett — who has Csonka, Jim Kiick and Paul Warfield under contract — threatened the NFL with an anti-trust suit *if it allowed its teams to sign* any WFL players. Csonka, Kiick and Warfield are former stars of the NFL.

Don Nottingham barrelled over from the one-yard line with just 1:25 remaining in the game to score his third touchdown of the game as the Miami Dolphins beat the Buffalo Bills 35-30 in a thrilling see-saw NFL game on Sunday. O.J. Simpson was held to a season low of 89 yards rushing ... Pete Banaszak plunged for two short touchdowns and Ken Stabler threw a 45-yard scoring pass to Cliff Branch as the Oakland Raiders shut out the San Diego Chargers 25-0... Quarterback Ken Anderson's three-yard touchdown run with 2:04 left gave *Cincinnati it's sixth straight* victory, a 21-14 win over Atlanta...

Mike Livingston ran for one touchdown and passed for another and Jan Stenerud kicked four field goals as Kansas City beat the Denver Broncos 26-13... The New England *Patriots* topped San Francisco 24-16... Rocky Bleier ran for 163 yards in 35 carries and Roy Gerela kicked a 29-yard field goal with 1:04 left lifting the Pittsburgh Steelers to a 16-13 win over the Green Bay Packers... Cullen Bryant scored twice on short runs as Los Angeles defeated New Orleans 38-14... The Houston Oilers beat the Detroit Lions 24-8...

Roger Staubach threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Drew Pearson with 1:04 left in the game and Toni Fritsch kicked a 42-yard field goal as time ran out as the Dallas Cowboys edged Philadelphia 20-17... Bert Jones passed to Marshall Johnson for two touchdowns and ran for *a third as Baltimore defeated* the New York Jets 45-28... Mike Thomas carried 27 times for 124 yards and two touchdowns as Washington defeated Cleveland 23-7.

In a Saturday night game, Mel Gray scored two touchdowns as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the New York Giants 20-13. And on Monday night, the Minnesota Vikings remained undefeated with a 13-9 victory over the Chicago Bears. Fred Cox kicked two field goals and Fran Tarkenton passed for a 45-yard touchdown.

TRACK & FIELD

CAVIN WOODWORD, a little-known British runner, broke four world long-distance running records in an international 100 mile race, in Tipton, England on Saturday.

Woodword, 28, clipped 18 minutes off the 100 mile record while he clocked in 11 hours 38 minutes 54 seconds. On the way he set records at 50 miles (4.28:5), 100 kilometres (6.25:28) and 150 kilometres (10.44:55).

BASKETBALL

THE NATIONAL Basketball Association season opened this past weekend with new faces on their rosters. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is wearing a Los Angeles Lakers uniform. George McGinnis is playing for the Philadelphia 76ers. Charles Scott is with the Boston Celtics and Dave Bing is with Washington. These major off-season deals make these teams top contenders in their divisions. Los Angeles opened with a 104-101 win over the New York Knicks. After the game, the Knicks acquired Spencer Haywood from the Seattle SuperSonics in a deal that will cost the Knicks $1.3m. over the next several years.

In a surprise move, seven more American Basketball Association teams have applied for membership in the NBA. The New York Nets and the Denver Nuggets have previously applied. The NBA is considering the membership applications but are waiting for a ruling on a lawsuit brought by the NBA Players Association which bars the two leagues from merging.

BASEBALL

FRED LYNN, Boston's sensational young outfielder, was the landslide choice of the Baseball Writers Association of America on Tuesday as the American League rookie of the year.

Lynn came within one-half vote of a unanimous selection. He was named on all 24 ballots, splitting one writer's vote with his teammate, outfielder Jim Rice.

The voting committee was composed of two writers from each of the league's 12 cities. They voted for one player each but one writer split his ballot, contending that he could not choose between the two young Red Sox stars.

Lynn, 23, stepped into the Boston lineup as the team's centerfielder and had the second highest batting average in the American League at .331, trailing only Minnesota's Rod Carew. He hit 21 home runs, drove in 105 runs, led the league in slugging, scored and doubles.

World bridge

COMING EVENTS

November 1-13 Tenth Israel International Bridge Congress at the Pal Hotel Tel Aviv. Nov. 1, individuals, Nov. 2 Mixed Pairs, Nov. 4, 5 6 Teams of Four, Nov. 8, 9, 10, 11 Open Pairs, Nov. 12 Master Teams and Closing Event. November 1, 2 Fourth session of the Philip Morris International European Bridge Cup, in The Hague, the Netherlands.

Results

National: National League, Teams of Four, 1975, 16 teams, round robin

1. Haifa: Glaubach, Birman, Beis, Prof. Roseanu, Libster Haim 88%.
2. Tel Aviv: Romik, Lev, Moskowitz, Press, P. Ginsburg, Moskowitz 67%.
3. Tel Aviv: Frydrich, Shaulel, Levy, Hochseit, Stampf, Schwartz 62%.
4. Tel Aviv: Seligman, Peleg, Shaul, Mark, Kaufman, Ben David 61%.

League A North, Teams of Four, 15 teams, round robin

1. Haifa: Mr. and Mrs. Schechter, Yarushinsky, Ellman 71%.
2. Haifa: Mr. and Mrs. Bish, Axelrad, Mrs. Levin, Weisler, Mrs. Konstantin 66%.
3. Haifa: Mr. and Mrs. Segal, Dr. Sharon, Skredl, Kalkstein, Ben Tovim 65%.
4. Kibbutzim: Silberman, Kaufman, Rose, Reich, Arbe, Selck 57%.

Jerusalem: Rosh Hashanah Tournament, best three of four sessions:

1. Bergel-Grossberg 63%. 2. Hed-Ka 60%. 3. Elishar-Nevo 56%. 4. Fer Levy 55%.

Tel Aviv: Delek Cup, three rounds:

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Signs of huge mystery explosion in Siberia

CHICAGO (AP). — A Federal agency is investigating reports that a large crater has been sighted in Siberia, where the Russians were believed building a nuclear breeder reactor, the "Chicago Tribune" reported yesterday.

Joseph Fouchard of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission was quoted as saying in Washington that the commission and the Energy Research and Development Administration had been alerted to the incident.

A U.S. satellite passing over Siberia reportedly detected a large crater where American scientists believe a breeder reactor was under construction. The reports said fallen trees ringed the crater, as though smashed by an explosion. Bodies also were reported sighted by the satellite.

The satellite's infrared scanner detected heat coming from the crater and reportedly was unable to detect any animal or human life in the area.

Federal officials were understood to be checking monitoring systems that would have detected any nuclear explosion and subsequent radioactivity. Such systems are part of international agreements to limit nuclear explosions and radioactive fallout.

"We don't have any information on it one way or the other," said Fouchard.

The breeder reactor is expected to be used in the next generation of nuclear power generating plants in the U.S. It is also under development in other countries.

IRA rivals on rampage

BELFAST (UPI). — An internal feud between rival factions of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) on Wednesday erupted into a swift and co-ordinated shooting attack in Belfast and Lurgan that left two persons dead and 15 injured.

A householder in Lurgan, 40 kms. southwest of Belfast, was shot dead while watching television when passing gunmen fired indiscriminately through the curtained windows of the living room.

All the other shooting incidents happened in Roman Catholic districts of Belfast during a violent hour of sporadic bloodshed shortly after tea-time. Malachy McGurran, chairman of the ostensibly non-violent political wing of the IRA, said that all the victims were members of his organization. He blamed the provisional IRA for the attacks.

In the worst incident, two hooded men armed with Armalite rifles burst into McKenna's Bar in central Belfast. They singled out three men drinking together at a table and opened fire. One of the victims later died of his injuries. His two companions were wounded.

All the other shootings occured at the homes of the victims. In one incident, the intended victim was not at home so the two hooded men shot his wife in the leg. Police said most of the victims were shot in the arms or legs. They were treating the incidents as "punishment shootings" rather than as serious assassination attempts.

Police said the attacks were the climax of a long-standing power struggle between the two Republican factions for control of armouries and financially lucrative drinking clubs in Belfast. Security sources said they believed provisional IRA members released from detention were trying to rebuild their power base in certain areas of the city.

Northern Ireland Secretary Merlyn Rees granted the release of eight more detainees on Wednesday as part of the government's policy to ease tension in the province. More than 400 detainees have been released since last December.

Meanwhile, sources in Monasterevin said that police besieging the kidnappers of Dutch businessman Tiede Herrema are prepared to "sit it out until Christmas" if necessary to free him. Both sides in the kidnap drama, which began on October 3 in Limerick and shifted to Monasterevin 10 days ago, settled down to play a waiting game.

The Irish Government has ruled out any frontal assault on the two-storey house where two kidnappers are holding Herrema at gunpoint in an upstairs room.

Breakdown in Beirut

By NICK LUDINGTON

BEIRUT (AP). — Like a terminal patient whose basic functions fail one by one, war-torn Beirut is failing.

"Hospitals are overflowing and cannot handle the injured, wounded are being treated in corridors," a health ministry spokesman said. "Every hospital has a serious shortage of blood plasma."

Health Minister Majid Arslan only yesterday ordered private hospitals to open their emergency facilities to any injured person brought in. Costs, he said, can be charged to the government.

Papers report an acute shortage of flour for bakers. Neighbouring Syria has sent in wheat, but officials said many major flour mills are in battle areas and cannot operate. Bakers also lack fuel for their ovens, the radio reported.

Water supplies are continuing normally in the large quarter of Ashrafiya, a Christian stronghold, and in the southern seaside residential area, where most remaining foreigers live. But in other areas local pumping stations have broken down. In some areas water is rationed for a few hours a day and in Forn El Shobbak, a Christian neighbourhood, and Naba'a, a Moslem quarter, no water is flowing.

Occasional fire department tank trucks have made it to these areas, sometimes under fire to bring water to trapped residents.

Mail service has collapsed. International communications are being maintained under increasing difficulty by a skeleton staff of technicians with help from the army. Without maintenance the local phone system faces gradual deterioration, government communications sources said. The central post office is in the ravaged downtown banking area terrorized by snipers.

Wires and switching facilities damaged by rocket or mortar fire in some areas have caused local blackouts and cannot be repaired because technicians cannot move about. Dozens of firemen have been wounded by snipers shooting at them as they try to fight fires set by explosions throughout Beirut.

The lively Lebanese banking system is in a coma. U.S. banks have moved their regional offices elsewhere, mostly to Athens. All banks have been shut for six weeks, except for a two-day interlude.

Hard cash is the only medium of exchange. Petrol stations are shut and fuel is sold on the street at black market prices of up to $5 for a 19-litre tin, quadruple the normal price.

The closed port faces a nine-month backlog if it reopens. Commerce is moribund. The French language "Orient-Le Jour" said it is doubtful if government employees can be paid, as tax and customs revenue have been cut to near nothing.

Some still hold out hope for the patient. "They tore it down quickly," said an American businessman of the seven-month civil war. "But they are clever and could put it back together quickly, too."

Mrs. Ghita Ben Barka — and her son — gave a press conference in Paris yesterday 20 years after the unsolved disappearance of her husband, Ahmed Ben Barka, the Moroccan leader. Ben Barka was said to have been assassinated by Moroccan agents in France. His body was never found and the incident led to a rift in relations between Paris and Rabat. (AP radiophoto)

Feminist strike fails

NEW YORK (UPI). — A highly-publicized, one-day feminist strike failed to win support from the country's working women on Wednesday, although a few of them went to their jobs wearing coloured armbands or joined protest rallies during their lunch hour.

The strike, originated by the National Organization for Women and with the catchwords "Alice Doesn't" was intended to upset commerce and domestic life in America for one day to protest against discrimination. Women were advised not to go to work, shop, cook, tend their children or have sexual relations.

Although the full effects of such a strike could not be measured, a nationwide UPI survey of many major firms, telephone companies, and public offices found that only a handful of women were on strike. Others said they were not interested, unaware of the strike or afraid a walk-out would cost them their jobs.

Some offices reported, however, that women employees were wearing feminist armbands and badges, holding complaint sessions with their bosses or using their lunch hours to attend special rallies, bazaars or workshops.

Rallies were held in several cities. But none of them drew more than a few hundred people.

'Palestine pilot dies in Uganda'

LONDON (Reuter). — A Palestinian suicide pilot was killed in a fighter plane crash while training in Uganda Wednesday, President Idi Amin announced.

Uganda Radio, monitored here, said the pilot had become head of the "Palestinian Commando Suicide Squadron" after a course in China in 1969.

Israeli writer in U.K. denies M.K.'s charges

LONDON (JTA).—Binyamin Tammuz, until recently Israel's Cultural Attache here for he past four years, yesterday indignantly denied allegations that he refuses to return to Israel and has opened an art gallery in London. Tammuz, a noted Hebrew writer and literary editor of "Ha'aretz," described the allegations, aired in the Knesset by Labour MK Yosef Sarid, as "malice or a practical joke."

In a statement given to the JTA, the former attache said: "I do not know whether Mr. Sarid's Knesset question is motivated by malice or whether he has fallen prey to some practical joker. In any case, the question is irresponsible because it takes for granted two things, both of which are false. The story that I have opened a gallery is unfounded rubbish. As for my "refusal" to return to Israel, I have never refused as I have never been asked to return. My unpaid leave from "Ha'aretz"... ends in June 1976. At that date I shall return to my work in the newspaper.

"The sabbatical leave which I am now taking," Tammuz said, "as a Hebrew writer who has hardly been able to write anything in the past four years because of his official duties at the Embassy — is a matter which I consider unworthy of a Knesset Member or any other person to pry into."

Heroin worth $1m. seized in Amsterdam

AMSTERDAM (AP). — Police confiscated heroin worth over a $1m. in a raid on an Amsterdam apartment late on Wednesday and arrested a 21-year-old Chinese cook.

The Chinese, not identified by police but said to come from Hong Kong, denied knowledge of the record 22 kilograms of heroin, which was found hidden in a closet. The police spokesman said the apartment was raided after a tip and that the heroin could be part of a bigger shipment recently smuggled into the Netherlands.

Blunder forces sex change

Family wins damages in disastrous circumcision

SEATTLE, Washington (UPI). — The family of a three-year-old child — now a girl, but originally a boy — has been awarded $850,000 in damages from the U.S. army to compensate for a circumcision which permanently damaged its future sex life.

The military doctor performing the operation when the baby was 5 months old burned the genital area so badly during the normally routine operation that specialists eventually advised changing the child's sex to female, testimony in the two-day trial before federal judge Walter McGovern revealed. The names of those involved were not released.

McGovern, noting the child has undergone eight surgical operations and faces several more as she matures, expressed concern for the child and her parents in awarding damages on Wednesday.

"The parent-child relationship is affected," he said. "In future years they will look at certain of her activities and wonder if she's beginning to revert to being a male. She's suffered severe surgical scarring. How will she look at herself as she grows older?"

Doctors testified during the trial that lifetime treatment with hormones will develop and maintain a feminine body. She will never able to bear children and will have a 50-50 chance of enjoying sexual response.

Doctors said the greatest danger was of deep psychological trauma if she ever learns she was born a male. She also faces greater than average risks of infection.

Arrests of Spanish opposition

MADRID (UPI). — The outlawed Social Democrat Party of Spain yesterday called for full democratic freedoms but said the change must be achieved peacefully. Meanwhile Spanish police were stepping up arrests of anti-government activists.

In Granada, police sources reported 30 recent arrests of political aspects. The sources alleged the detained belonged to underground movements and had spread anti-government propaganda. The news agency Europa Press said the arrested included a university professor, two lawyers, a doctor and eight students.

A total of 78 political arrests have been reported from various parts of Spain in the past seven days.

The left-of-centre Social Democrat Party is illegal under Spanish law, but has not been much harassed by the goverment. It is actively cooperating with the mainstream Socialist Party and the middle-of-the-road Christian Democrats in an anti-regime coalition called the democratic platform.

A conservative blue-blooded financier-diplomat with ties with the left emerged yesterday as front runner in the race to be Spain's first Prime Minister after Franco.

Political sources tipped Jose Maria Areilza, Count of Motrico, as the politician with the best chances of getting the job.

Motrico, 65, is a former Ambassador in Washington and Paris. By Western standards Motrico is considered a conservative. But he has gone publicly on record as favouring broad democratic reforms after the end of Franco's nearly 40 years of strong-man rule.

In a country where political passions make political discussion difficult Motrico has succeeded in maintaining contacts with both the Franco regime and with illegal opposition groups.

UN deadlock on Korea

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — The General Assembly's main political committee was faced with an unprecedented situation yesterday following its adoption of conflicting resolutions on the Korean question.

It was not immediately clear how the UN would get itself out of this predicament before the issue goes to the Assembly for consideration in plenary session.

Sweden proposed that the committee keep the matter open for 10 days during which members should seek a "viable solution." Tunisia said the deadlock and its "negative fall-out" would have an unfortunate impact on the UN.

There was one common element in Wednesday night's resolutions: The proposed dissolution of the UN command under which 300 U.S. troops serve in Korea — apart from their 42,000 Americans there under bilateral arrangements with Seoul.

But while the Western-backed resolution called for a dialogue between North and South Korea on peaceful reunification, the Communist side proposed that the "real parties" — North Korea and the U.S. — make a peace agreement, without South Korea's participation.

Sadat says let Brezhnev come to Cairo first

TUNIS (UPI). — President Sadat said in an interview published here yesterday that he would not go to Moscow unless Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev first visited Cairo.

"I visited the Soviet Union four times in less than a year" (in 1971), Sadat said in the interview granted before his visit to the U.S. "Now it's their turn to visit us, I therefore cannot, regretfully, visit the USSR before Brezhnev visits Egypt."

Sadat said: "I wish it to be understood that we are a simple, sincere and tolerant people. But there are limits to our generosity. We will not allow anyone to treat us as being inferior. We want to be treated as equals," Sadat told the paper "As Sabah."

'Only Arabs need apply'

LONDON (JTA). — An advertisement in a London evening newspaper seeking Arab nationals to work in an Arab-owned hotel in an Arab country is being investigated by the Race Relations Board.

The advertisement was placed by a British Airways subsidiary acting as agents for the advertisers, Gulf Air of Qatar. A complaint was raised by Bernard Silver, a Jew, and a prospective Liberal parliamentary candidate. He stated: "The advert was quite offensive. It quite clearly was intended to exclude Jewish people." He added, "The phrase "Arab national" is a misnomer. It is like saying Christian, black or Jewish national. That would be construed as racialist," he declared.

A personnel officer for British Airways said that the Race Relations Board had advised that Gulf Air could advertise in Britain for nationals of a particular country, but not "Arab nationals" because that was discriminatory.

"But if we listed all the Arab countries," he added, "we would run into trouble with places like Palestine which the Arabs still regard as an Arab country and the Israelis do not."

The Race Relations Board's decision on the matter will be reached on November 12.

Mart aid for refugees

BRUSSELS (Reuter). — The European Common Market Commission has decided to offer more than $2m. worth of emergency aid to Palestinian and Angolan refugees, informed sources said yesterday.

Ancient archives found in Syria

ROME (AP). — An Italian archaeological team has uncovered in Syria the archives of a city-state that perished 4,300 years ago, described as the oldest such records ever found.

The archives include diplomatic and military correspondence, commercial transactions and Sumerian vocabularies for schoolchildren.

The Italian team, from the University of Rome, said the discovery was made in what is known today as Tal Mardih, south of Aleppo, where the team has been digging for several years.

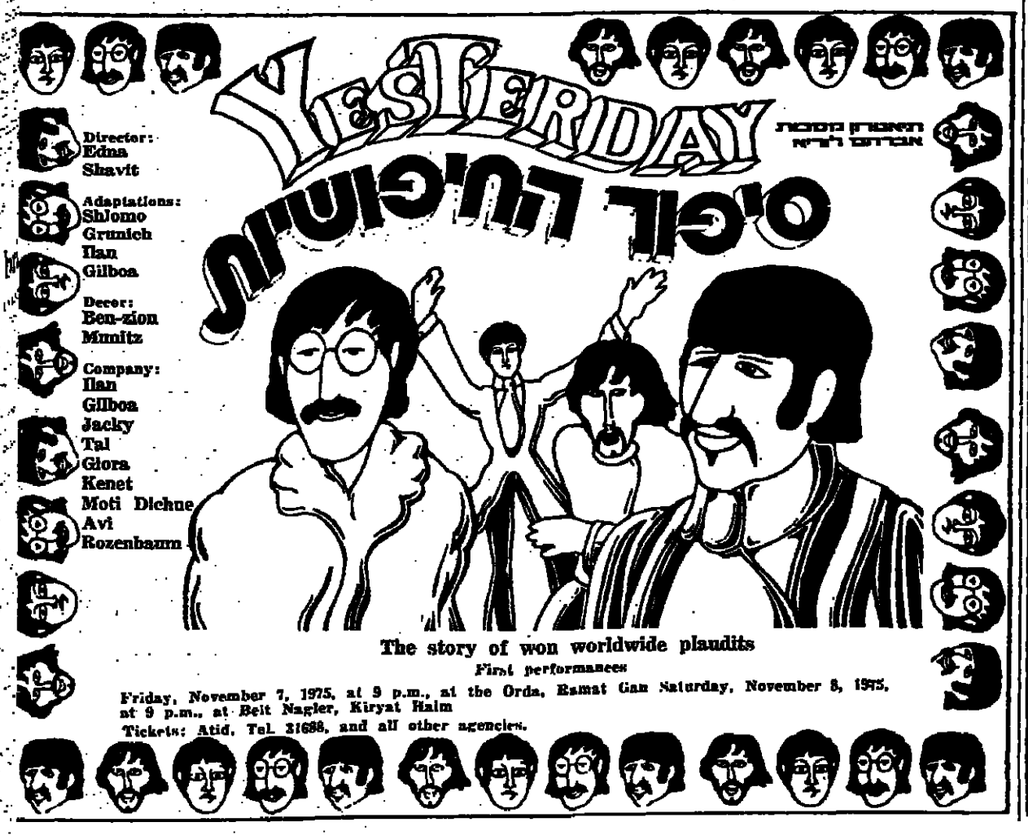
About 15,000 records were found — some whole, some fragmentary — written in Sumerian, a language extinct since the third century B.C.E., and an unknown Semitic tongue.

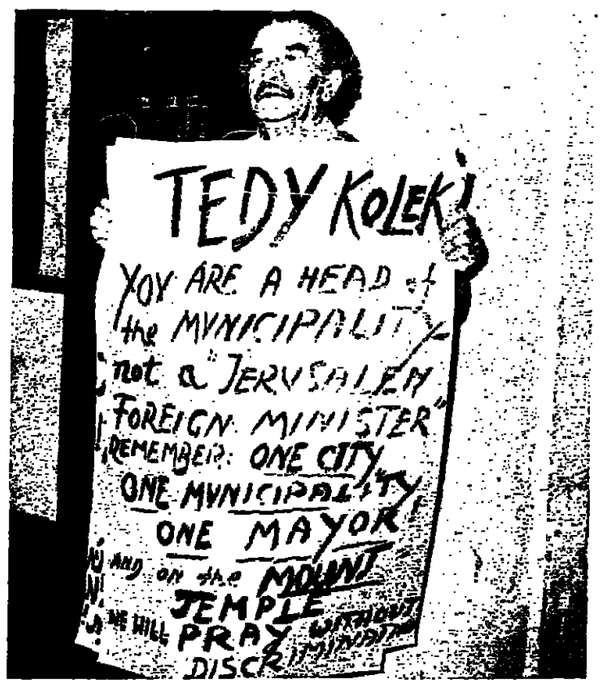
Lebanese official killed in Paris

PARIS (Reuter). — The chief public relations officer of the Lebanese airline, Air Liban, was found clubbed to death in his flat here Wednesday.

Police said Mr. Romeo Riachi, 38, apparently died after being attacked when he opened his door.

There seemed no political motive for the crime, they added.





While a stormy discussion between Herut, National Religious and Alignment members of the City Council was going on inside the Jerusalem Municipality building on Sunday, October 26, 1975, Mr. Itzhak Shmueli, a Jerusalem journalist, was demonstrating outside, on behalf of a Herut Activists' faction. (Photo R. Israeli)

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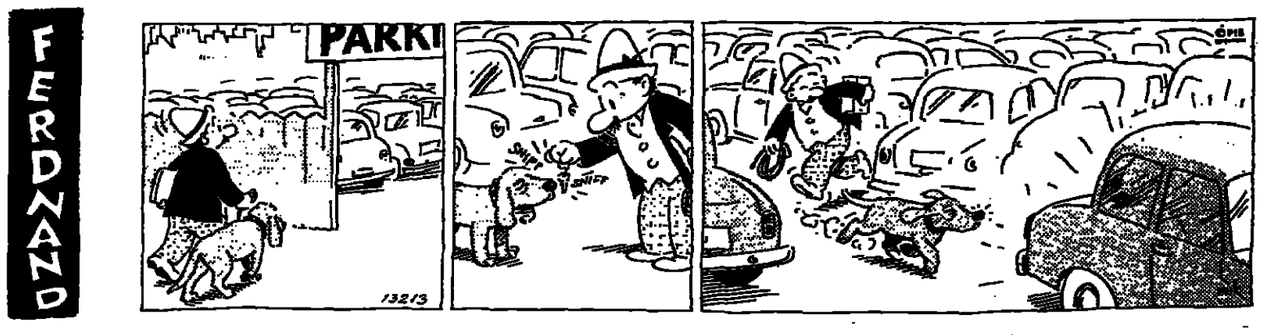

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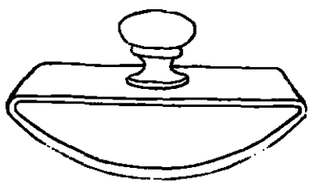

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Ra'anannim Synagogue (Hechal Shlomo) **Tonight:** 6.30 p.m. **Shabbat:** 8.30 a.m.

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Emet V'Emuna: (Rehov Narkis 1) **Tonight:** 4.45 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Shama Fridman. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 8.15 p.m.

Mevakshei Derech (14 Ibn Gvirol) Shabbat and holidays 9.00 a.m.

Italian Synagogue (Rehov Hillel). **Tonight:** Minha 4.40 p.m. **Shabbat:** 8.30 a.m.

Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Neve Schechter, behind the Israel Museum). **Tonight:** 4.40 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Habad Lubavich Synagogue (Rehov Habad, Jewish Quarter, Old City): **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 8.30 a.m. Kiddush following services.

Yeshivat Hakotel (Old City): **Tonight:** Minha, 4.30 p.m. Traditional march to the Wall followed by Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.00 p.m. Arvit (at the Synagogue), 5.50 p.m. **Tomorrow:** Shairit, 7.00 a.m. Minha, 12.30 p.m.

Sephardi Synagogue-Ribas (Old City): Tonight: Minha, 4.40 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat, 4.55 p.m. **Shabbat:** Sephardi Minyan, 7.30 a.m. **Ashkenazi Minyan,** 8.00 a.m., Minha 4.25 p.m.

Congregation Beit Yisrael of Yemin Moshe (Rehov Pele Yoetz, near Windmill): **Tonight:** Minha 4.35 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit 8.15 a.m. Sermon (Hebrew and English) by Artist Daniel Kafri. Minha 4.30 p.m.

Beit Knesset Mercazi, Talbieh: (14 Rehov Hovevei Zion, Talbieh); **Tonight:** 4.40 p.m.

Har-El Synagogue (Progressive Judaism). 16 Rehov Shmuel Hanagid, near Bezalel Museum. **Tonight:** 5.00 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi A.C. Zacui. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 9.30 a.m.

World Council of Synagogues (Conservative) at United Synagogue of America Centre; Rehov Agron 4). **Tonight:** 4.35 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 8.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Yosef Green.

Congregation Migdal Hashoshanim (22 Rehov Pinsker). **Tonight:** Minha 4.40 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit 8.00 a.m. Lecture: ethics of the Fathers (English 4.30 p.m. Minha 5.30 p.m., followed by Lesson in Talmud.

Young Israel (28 Rehov Ben-Tzion, Givat Shaul). **Tonight:** 4.40 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat, 4.55 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 8.00 a.m., Minha 4.25 p.m.

Young Israel (Rehov Bar Yohai 47, Katamon). **Tonight:** 4.40 p.m. **Shabbat:** 8.00 a.m.

Young Israel Bnei Brit (Migdal) Rehov Hapisgah 19) **Tonight:** 4.40 p.m. **Tomorrow:** Shahrit 7.30, 7.30 & 8.30 a.m.

Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion (Rehov David Hamelech 13). **Shabbat:** 10.00 a.m.

TEL AVIV

The Great Synagogue (110 Allenby Road). **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 7.30 a.m.

Ihut Shivat Zion (86 Rehov Ben Yehuda). **Tonight:** Minha 4.40 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 6.30 and 8.30 a.m. Minha 4.35 p.m.

Ihut Shivat Zion (Beit Hamoreh Nathan Strauss 55). **Tonight:** Minha 4.40 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit 8.00 a.m. Minha 4.35 p.m.

Kehilat Sinai (Conservative, B'nei Brit House, 10 Rehov Kaplan, corner Hameasfim). **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 9.00 a.m., Parashat Hashavua: Rabbi Moshe Kowal.

Beit Haknesset Geulat Yisrael (Rehov Mercaz Baalei Melacha 16). **Tonight:** 6.00 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Kehilat Ramat Aviv (Progressive Judaism: Jacob Efter Hall, Peretz Naphtali Bldg. T.A. University). **Tonight:** 6.00 p.m.

Kedem Synagogue (Progressive, 20 Rehov Carlebach). **Tonight:** 5.30 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 9.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Moshe Zemer.

BAT YAM

Minyan Tel'rim Ramat Hanassi (4a Livorne). **Tonight:** 4.50 p.m. **Tomorrow:** 8.00 a.m., Minha 4.00 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

Hatechiya Synagogue: Tonight: 4.40 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 7.45 a.m. Parashat Hashavua: Mr. Barkol, Minha 4.35 p.m. Shiur Gemara, Mr. Weizman.

Emeth V'anava Congregation (Progressive Judaism); 57 Derech Jabotinsky. **Tonight:** 6.00 p.m. **Shabbat:** 9.30 a.m.

Beth Haknesset Ramat Hen (5 Rehov Ramat Hen). **Tonight:** 5.30 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 7.45 a.m.

Young Israel (Kiryat Krinizi) **Tonight:** 4.50 p.m. **Tomorrow:** 8.00 a.m.

SAVYON

Tiferet Yitzchak Synagogue (6 Rehov Hadarom). **Tonight:** 4.50 p.m. **Shabbat:** 8.30 a.m.

KFAR SABA

Haminyan Hahadash (Shchuna Eliezer). **Tonight:** 4.50 p.m. **Shabbat:** 8.00 a.m., Minha 4.45 p.m.

PETAH TIKVA

Young Israel (Ramat Werber School Rehov Anderson). **Tonight:** 4.50 p.m. **Shabbat:** 8.00 a.m.

RAANANA

United Synagogue (Wizo House); **Tonight:** 5.00 p.m. Morning Services 8.30 a.m.

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Young Israel (Hotel Hod, Rehov Hanassi) **Tonight:** 4.50 p.m. **Shabbat:** 8.00 a.m.

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Young Israel (Rehov Shlomo Hamelech). **Tonight:** 4.50 p.m. **Shabbat:** 8.00 a.m.

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Beit Haknesset Hechal Habanim: Tonight: 4.45 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 8.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Shmuel Avidor-Hacohen. Minha 4.30 p.m.

NETANYA

Beit Yisrael (Conservative, 13 Rehov Rav Kook). **Tonight:** 4.30 p.m. **Shabbat:** 9.00 a.m.

"Netan-Ya" Progressive Congregation (35 Rehov Ussishkin). **Tonight:** 5.00 p.m. **Shabbat:** 9.00 a.m. Rabbi Ady Assabi.

New Synagogue (7 McDonald St.). **Tonight:** 5.00 p.m. **Shabbat:** 8.00 a.m. **Children's Oneg Shabbat** 3.30 p.m. **Study Group** 4.00 p.m. Minha 5.00 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Emanuel Forman 4.30 p.m.

NEHARIYA

Emet V'Shalom, Progressive (Wzio Hall, 7 Ha-Meyasdim St.). Friday 5.30 p.m. Sermon: Mr. Ze'ev Harari.

HAIFA

Moriah Congregation Conservative (7 Rehov Horeb, Ahuza). **Tonight:** 5.00 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Charles W. Siegel.

Haifa Progressive Congregation Or Hadash (Small Theatre, Beit Rothschild). **Tonight:** 5.30 p.m. Sermon. **Shabbat:** 9.00 a.m. Sermon.

RISHON LEZION

Young Israel (34 Rehov Hanotrim). **Tonight:** 4.50 p.m. **Shabbat:** 8.30 a.m.

REHOVOT

Adat Shalom Synagogue (Conservative, B'nai Brit Hall, 183 Rehov Herzl. **Tonight:** 5.00 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit 8.30 a.m. Sermons: Rabbi Meir Ydit.

ASHDOD

Kehilat Etz Hayim — Conservative (Reim School, Ezor Daled, next to Magen David Adom). **Tonight:** 5.00 p.m. **Shabbat:** 9.00 a.m. Sermons: Rabbi Robert Liberles.

ASHKELON

Kehilat Netzach Yisrael (Batsheva Gerbovov Community Centre; Derech aacov Chaham, corner Harel Afridar). **Tonight:** Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.30 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Pinhas Spectre.

BEERSHEBA

Family Congregation of Omer (Conservative, Omer School Auditorium). **Tonight:** Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.30 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Michael Graetz. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 9.00 a.m.

Young ISRAEL (Shikun Beit). **Tonight:** 4.50 p.m. **Shabbat:** Shahrit, 8.00 a.m.

Progressive Judaism (The Club House, 85 Bialik, corner Basel) **Tonight:** 6.00 p.m. Sermon Mr. Moshe Yehudai.

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Baptist Congregation (Rehov Narkis, Jerusalem); Saturday Services. Bible Study: 9.45 a.m. Worship 11.00 a.m.

Church of Christ (across street from Rockefeller Museum). Bible Classes: 10.00 a.m. Worship: 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Classes, 6.00 p.m.

Christ Church (Anglican) Jaffa Gate. Holy Communion. 8.00 a.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m.

Lutheran Church (Muristan Rd., Old City, Jerusalem). Arabic: Every Sunday — 9.00 a.m. — Church of the Redeemer; English: Every Sunday — 9.00 a.m. — Crusader's Chapel (next to Church); German: 10.10 a.m. at the Church of the Redeemer.

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International Evangelican Church (55 Street of the Prophets, Jerusalem). Sunday: Worship: 9.00 a.m. Evening Fellowship. 7.30 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study, 7.30 p.m.

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Christian Science Service, Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv. Sunday: 10.45 a.m.

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SATURDAY

ARRIVALS: Air France 185 from Saigon, Bangkok, Delhi and Teheran, 0315; Alitalia 738 from Rome, 1335; TWA 880 from N.Y. and Athens, 1430;

PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE: A 'ONE-MAN SHOW'

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic

Rabbi Israel Miller, now ending his second year as Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, "does not represent the independent thinking of the U.S. Jewish community," according to his predecessor, Jacob Stein. Mr. Stein said Rabbi Miller is too domineering in his running of the Conference, and too "'subservient" to the Israel Embassy in Washington.

(Stein levelled the charge — in a conversation with *The Jerusalem Post* — before the 'Herzog Affair' of last weekend. UN envoy Haim Herzog's criticism of American Jewry for "passivity" has been taken by many observers as an oblique criticism of the American Jewish leadership — though Herzog denies that that was his intention — and also of the leadership's links with Israel, maintained through the Washington Embassy.)

"By and large, the Presidents Conference (under Miller) is a one-man organization," says Stein. Miller calls meetings when he sees fit, without consulting other leading members of the Conference.

When *he* was Chairman, Stein recalls, he would invariably consult with an informal "inner cabinet" comprising five of the top American Jewish leaders.

Jacob Stein

Israel Miller

Alexander Schindler

Stein criticizes Miller, too, for failing to hold elections after his first year in office. This had been the unswerving practice of the Presidents Conference hitherto — with the incumbent automatically being elected for a second year. Miller, however, because he was no longer President of the American Zionist Federation, was technically ineligible to stand again as Chairman of the Presidents Conference. The majority of members, say Stein, were willing to resolve this constitutional problem by changing the rules — but Miller preferred to postpone the elections indefinitely.

The man thought most likely to succeed Miller in January is Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform). Schindler is an outspoken liberal, and was a vociferous critic of the Administration during the Vietnam War. At one time, this was a cause of concern for the Jewish establishment (and the Israeli leadership) since it was felt Schindler's record might prevent his establishing a close rapport with Ford and Kissinger.

Now, however, says Stein, everyone prefers to forget Vietnam, and Schindler's statements during the late 1960s and early 1970s are "no longer pertinent."

Stein himself continues to meet with Kissinger and Sisco from time to time on a personal basis. The Secretary and Sisco, he believes, use these conversations to sound him out on current trends in Jewish public opinion. Obviously they are aware that he is in contact with the Washington Embassy, and also that he meets with Premier Rabin and other top Israeli leaders on his frequent visits here. "But they don't need me as a channel..."

Stein sees Kissinger as a man with "a degree of Jewish consciousness" but primarily as "a brilliant American Secretary of State." His aims in the Middle East are to create openings for American influence while at the same time containing the Soviets. Stein believes that these are not necessarily Israel's aims. "There is a divergence," he asserts.

He is not comfortable with the U.S.-orchestrated step-by-step process. "Israel should not be an exclusive client of the U.S.," he says. "There cannot be peace here without the Soviets..."

He feels that the Yom Kippur War opened the way to an attempt at an overall settlement (with Soviet participation in its achievement). That, he maintains, was the original intention behind Resolution 338 of October 22, 1973. "We believed then that Israel spared the Egyptian Third Army in the hope of 'negotiations for a just and durable peace' called for by that Resolution."

Ford and Kissinger, however, "needed a quick success" (after Nixon's resignation and the crisis of confidence in the U.S.) — and hence they developed the step-by-step approach which promised dramatic and relatively easy results.

Stein believes his outlook is shared by Rabbi Schindler, and by other top Jewish leaders, including Arthur Hertzberg, head of the American Jewish Congress and a possible contender for the Chairmanship of the Presidents Conference in the future.

Stein recognizes, however, that his view is not shared by Mr. Rabin and his government. Rabin's policy is based on his assumption that Israel's interests can dovetail into the broader American aims in the Middle East.

Stein recognizes, moreover, that the basic policy decisions must be in the exclusive domain of the Israel government, and that it is the duty of American Jewish leaders like himself to accept them, support them and help further them.

The way to do that now, he is convinced, is by stressing that the aid package to Israel is *"part of the broader Mideast aid package — which is part of the U.S. global defence posture."*

Stein made the point in a recent letter to the "New York Times." "For some reason," he wrote, "all of the attention being given to the Middle East interim agreement seems to be devoted to the amount and quality of aid to Israel, when the real focus of attention should be on this aid as maintaining the United States' strategic position in the Middle East. This is part of our continuing struggle against the Soviet Union..."

Jacob Stein looks back with sadness at the Jackson Amendment episode, which now seems clearly to have backfired. "I warned publicly back in March 1974 that we should settle for a 45,000 (emigrants per year) compromise."

Stein rejects the theory that it was the low ceiling set by Congress on preferential credits for the USSR which caused the Soviets to renege on their agreement with Kissinger and Jackson. "It was not the credits, but the principle," he says. "I lunched with (Soviet Ambassador to Washington) Dobrynin during the Jackson amendment negotiations, and he said quite openly: 'We are a very Great Power... Why put up this stumbling block when we are already up to 35,000 (emigrants) a year...?' "

Belgian priest honoured for anti Nazi heroism

By LILI BAT AHARON
Special to The Jerusalem Post

BRUSSELS. — HIS NAME means "our father," and he is a priest, he is known as Father Paternotte. Marcel Camille Paternotte is a soft-spoken, non-heroic-looking retired Air Force chaplain from Belgium's Walloon country. But when the Nazis swept across his native lowlands, he saved 25 Jewish men, women and children from death.

Next Sunday, 35 years later, the man from Charleroi will put on his old medal-bedecked grey-blue air force uniform and plant a tree in Jerusalem's Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles. A few weeks later, he will receive a Yad Vashem medal at the Israel Embassy in Brussels at a ceremony which will similarly honour other Belgians who, also risked their lives to save Jews. Belgian clerics and private citizens saved some 20,000 Jews, 3,000 of them children, *during the Nazi occupation.*

This is Father Paternotte's first trip to Israel. Apart from visiting Christian Holy Places, he has expressed a desire to see a kibbutz. Arrangements have accordingly been made for him to stay at Mishmar Hanegev, settled by members of Belgian Hashomer Hatzair.

"I'VE ALWAYS WANTED to go to Israel," says Father Paternotte, "to walk in the land which gave birth to our western civilisation and meet the people whom I admire for having made the desert bloom."

The story of his heroism began shortly after Belgium was invaded in 1940. As vicar in a suburb of Charleroi, the then 33-year-old priest founded the "Mouvement National Belge," the resistance movement in Hainaut, of which Charleroi is the provincial capital.

He worked directly with Abbe Andre of Namur, the saintly Belgian priest who not only hid hundreds of Jewish children and adults and thus saved them from physical annihilation, but also cared for his "guest's" spiritual well-being by marking and celebrating all the Jewish holidays.

With obvious relish, Father Paternotte recounts the story of how he saved the three Lucha brothers, still living today in Charleroi. And there is the story of the Jewish manager of an electric power station in Charleroi who was given orders by the Nazis to go to "work" in Germany. Thinking that he could thus avoid separation from his family, the manager was getting ready to comply. Father Paternotte dissuaded him and conceived a plan to prevent the family's departure. Together with a local surgeon he simulated medical emergency, an urgent "operation," complete with an authentic-looking scar, gained time and saved the man's life.

Why did he do all this? "As commander of our resistance movement," the priest told *The Jerusalem Post,* "I found it imperative to fight with all means at my possession against all the Germans did. We were in a permanent state of legitimate defence against unjust aggressors, apart from the question of helping a human being in distress..."

At one point, the priest had a struggle with his conscience: what to do with an informer, the head of a local private detective agency, who regularly supplied the Gestapo with names of resistance fighters. The struggle was brief — he ordered the death of the informer. One hour after the traitor's execution, the Gestapo was at Father Paternotte's house and he was moved from one jail to another.

His anti-Nazi, life-saving activities did not cease even in prison. He helped seven French resistance fighters, condemned to death by the Nazis, to escape to freedom.

AFTER LIBERATION on April 1945, Father Paternotte heard over the radio the names of Belgians being freed from German prisons and concentration camps, and immediately set out to greet them.

"And that is how he found me," says Maurice Pioro, today president of the Jewish Deportees from Belgium and head of the Coordinating Committee of Belgian Jewish Organisations. He is currently accompanying the priest in Israel.

"I weighed 30 kilos and I was suffering from typhus. Father Paternotte, whom I had never met before, found a place for me in a crowded truck going from Dachau to Belgium. 'I'll take you home,' he said. 'I have no home,' I told him. 'My family have all been killed.' 'Then I will take you to my home,' he simply said. I stayed for five months and he nursed me back to health. If not for him, I would have been liberated — and dead."

War, occupation, liberation — and then came the time of reckoning. Our Father Paternotte found himself at one point chaplain to some 300 collaborators just before their execution — he had spent that last night in prison with the condemned. Did they repent their deeds? Some did, some did not.

He is in possession of written statements by these Belgian Nazis. And during this current visit to Israel he plans to hand them over to Yad Vashem.

In a way, the new seedling in the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles will complete a circle. A circle in the life of a man, simple and unassuming, who represents human goodness and has the courage to fight for it.

PORTION OF THE WEEK

Sow early, sow late

Sidra: Hayyei Sara (Genesis 23:1-25:18)

COMMENTING ON "Abraham took another wife" (Genesis 25:1), Midrash Bereshit Rabba 61:3 says:

"In the morning sow your seed and in the evening do not hold back, for you do not know whether this sowing or that one is going to succeed, or whether both will do equally well" (Ecclesiastes 11:6) — Rabbi Eliezer said: Don't content yourself with sowing only (winter crops) with the first rains (around Sukkot time), but sow also (summer crops) with the last rains (around Passover time), for you do not know which will succeed.

Rabbi Yehoshua said: If you have given alms to a beggar in the morning and he comes again in the evening, give him again, for you do not know which will prove to be the saving gift.

Rabbi Yishmael says: Don't be content with the Tora you learned in your youth, but study also in your old age, for you do not know which will be to your everlasting credit.

Rabbi Akiva says: If you taught and acquired disciples in your young years, do so also in your old age, for you do not know which will carry on your teachings.

Rabbi Akiva had 12,000 pupils from Acre to Antipatris and they all perished in one period of time. Why? Because they were narrow-eyed (jealous and grudging) toward each other. In the end Rabbi Akiva left seven disciples: Rabbi Meir, Rabbi Yehuda, Rabbi Yosse, Rabbi Shimon, Rabbi Elazar ben Shamua, Rabbi Yohanan the cobbler, and Rabbi Eliezer ben Yaacov. Some say: Rabbi Yehuda, Rabbi Nehemiah, Rabbi Meir, Rabbi Yosse, Rabbi Shimon ben Yohai, Rabbi Hanina ben Hachinai, and Rabbi Yohanan the cobbler. And he told them: "My sons — my first disciples perished because they were narrow-eyed toward each other. Take care not be to be like them, and devote yourselves to filling Eretz Yisrael with Tora."

THE SAGES TAUGHT: A person should always live in Eretz Yisrael, even in a town inhabited mainly by idol-worshippers, rather than live abroad, even in a town inhabited mainly by Jews. For whoever lives in Eretz Yisrael is thereby considered to have God, and living abroad is tantamount to living in godlessness, for it is said (Leviticus 25:38): "I am God your God Who brought you out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan, to be your God" (Talmud Tractate Ketubot 110b).

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Expectations of devaluation cause dollar prices to rise

TEL AVIV. — The Natad dollar jumped nine points yesterday to end at IL8.41, while the black market dollar on Lilienblum went up IL0.30 to IL9.70 (dealers' price).

Financial circles attributed the rise to expectations of an impending devaluation. A high-level governmental meeting in Tel Aviv yesterday, its was pointed out, helped fuel the speculative fires.

In regard to the Natad, there was a demand for $204,000 and 0,000 were traded.

Tourists were getting IL9.50 for ir dollars on the black market IL8.80 for their cheques. vereigns were going for IL460; ktilo of gold for IL48,000; a man mark for IL3.60; and a ss franc for IL3.40.

Index-linked bonds were up slightly. Dollar-linked bonds were stable.

The turnover in bonds came to IL19,323,700.

Stocks were down slightly. The turnover in stocks came to IL4,508,900, of which IL1,586,800 was in the variables.

Bank Leumi was down one point to 217.5 (256,000); General Mortgage Bank bearer was down 1.5 to 223.5 (126,000); Paper Mills lost four to 342 (27,000); Wolfson IL10 lost nine to 103 (179,000); Bank Leumi Investment was down 3 to 202.5 (149,000); Elron IL1 was off 1 to 405 (14,000); Elron IL2 lost 3 to IL360 (10,000).

The General Index fell yesterday by 0.56 per cent to stand at 181.18 points.

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ount Bank "A"	r	489	485
ad Mizrahi Bank	b	176	175.5
k Hapoalim—10%	b	266	263
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Property & Building	r	231	224
Isras	b	171	171
Mehadrin	r	294	293
L.C.P. Israel Citrus	r	128	130
Anglo-Isr. Investors	b	252	252
Neot Aviv	r	144	145
Pri Or Ltd.	r	260	359
Rassco—8%	r	143	146
Rassco—O.	r	97	101
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	620	620
Elco—2.5	b	177	180.5
Electra—5	r	169.5	178
Argaman—8%	b	285	287
Ata—C	r	125.5	123.5
Dubek	b	360.5	360
Elec. Wire & Cable	b	153	154.5
Teva		1400	1400
Chem. & Phosphates	r	186	190
Lewin Epstein	b	87	67
Moller Textile	r	181	181
Phoenicia—8%	b	94.5	95
Paper Mills	r	342	346
Assis "B"	r	238	231
Nechushtan	b	545	548
Elite (A)	r	328	328
Shemen—8%	b	128	125
"Tsal" Plywood	b	128	130
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	138	131.5
Eilern	b	174.5	176
Israel Central Trade	r	220	220
Bank Hapoalim	b	219	219
Pax	b	160	163
Wolfson—IL10	b	103	112
Ampa	r	135	139
Discount Bank	b	251	251
United Mizrahi	b	171	173
Bank Leumi	r	202.5	205.5
Piryon Investment	r	197.5	197
Hazuta-For. Trade	r	90	93
Export Bank	b	85	86
Ciel Investment	r	210	216
Ciel Industries	r	136	140.5
FUEL & OIL			
Naptha OTC	r	431	430
Lapidoth OTC	r	549.5	535

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Stocks bounce back

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market pulled out of Wednesday's sharp downtrend yesterday with a biggest rebound aided by a St. Louis bank's reduction of its prime lending rate. Trading was moderate.

The First National Bank of St. Louis announced it was cutting its prime rate from 7.75 to 7.5 per cent — only a few days after a general decline in the basic charge to corporate loans from 8 to 7.75.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, up about 4 points at its best level of the day, closed with a 0.79 gain at 839.42.

But losers outnumbered gainers 726 to 616 among the 1,792 issues traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Volume slowed to 15.08 million shares from 16.11 million on Wednesday.

Inc	17 3/4	Chesbk Sys	38 1/8	Genesco	5	Miles Lab	25 5/8	Singer Co	9 3/8
Alu	19	Chrysler	30 1/4	Ga Pac	43 1/4	Minn M M	57 3/8	Smithkline	54 3/8
Ch	32 7/8	Citicorps	27	Getty O	183	Mobil Oil	46	Sony	10 1/4
Str	44 3/8	Cities Svc	46 1/2	Gillette	30 1/4	Monogm	7	South Ry	52
Chal	11 5/8	Coca-Cola	60 1/2	Goodric	16 3/8	Monsan	76 1/4	Sperry Rnd	43 1/4
	35 3/4	Colg Pal	29	Goodyr	20 7/8	Moor McCor	62 1/8	St Brands	38 1/4
	46 5/8	Colu Gas	23 1/2	Grace & Co	86 1/8	Morgan J	47	St Oil Cal	29 3/4
Airlin	7 1/8	Colum Pict	5 7/8	Grt A & P	12	Nabisco	38	St Oil Ind	44 1/4
Bdcst	21 1/2	Comsat	35 1/2	Greyhound	13 7/8	Nat Distil	15 5/8	St Oil Oh	72 3/4
Can	29	Con Edis	12 1/2	Gulf Oil	22 5/8	Nat Cash R	24 1/4	Sterl Drug	18 1/4
	24 7/8	Cont Can	27	Gulf Wn	20 5/8	Nat Indust	12 1/4	Stu. Wor	37
ome	35 1/2	Cont Oil	63	Heller Int	22 1/4	Norwest Air	18 3/8	Sun Oil	29 5/8
Mot	5 5/8	Cont Tel	11 5/8	Hew Pack	99 3/8	Occ Pet C	14 7/8	Teledyne	22
Stand	13 1/2	Cont Data	18 3/8	Honeywel	33 1/2	Olin Corp	27 7/8	Temeco	
T &	249 3/8	Corning	38 7/8	House N G	55	Otis Elev	UNSOLD	Texaco	24 3/8
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co	13 3/4	Curtis Wrl	12 3/4	Int Paper	56 5/8	Penn Centrl	1 3/8	Transwair	21 3/4
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War	18 1/2	El Paso NG	11 5/8	Liggt My	29 3/4	Ralston P	46 3/8	Unit Brands	9
nt	6 1/4	Esmark	29 7/8	Litton Ind	6 7/8	RCA	18 1/8	US Indust	5
My	65 3/4	Exxon	89 5/8	Lockheed	7 5/8	Revere Cop	6 3/4	US Steel	37 7/8
wick	10 3/8	Fair Cam	45 3/4	LTV Corp	11	Reyn Ind	58 7/8	Unit Tech Cp	63 1/8
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Investors deterred by economic uncertainty

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

CONTRARY TO the situation a year ago, loans available for industrial development now tend to exceed demand. Uncertainty concerning the Government's economic policy, expectation of a slowdown, labour unrest, and tougher tax and credit terms for industrial companies, have combined to deter prospective investors.

The current boom in equities at the Tel Aviv stock exchange has not been accompanied by increased interest in new ventures. Nor has the impending phasing-out of the incentives provided under the present Investment Encouragement Law exactly served to spur investors. Foreign investment has completely ceased (indeed, inflow of capital from abroad may now be exceeded by liquidation of assets held in this country), while local investment is largely confined to public and semi-public projects, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

In the first nine months of 1975, the Industrial Development Bank approved loans to the tune of IL2b., two and half times the amount of the corresponding period last year, which would spell an increase of about two thirds in real terms. However, approval of new industrial projects — including expansions — by the Investment Centre in the first eight months of 1975 amounted to IL2.6b., almost the same figure as last year, indicating a dramatic drop if the devaluation is taken into account. While in previous years new projects approvals were as a rule three and more times the amount of the loan approvals by the IDBI, they now tend to run at almost the same level, and before long may even lag behind the resources available. (The total amount of investments granted "approved" status this year is about half as much again as in 1974, and almost three times the amount of of 1973, but most of the increment refers to old projects and reflects their larger cost in current monetary terms.)

The change has been no less dramatic as regards the share of private ventures financed by loans approved by IDBI, which dropped to 41 per cent in the first three quarters of 1975, less than half their share in 1973. The bulk of the new lending has been accounted for by petrochemical and chemical projects, Israel Electric Corporation, Israel Aircraft Industries, Israel Shipyards, fuel companies, and construction of industrial premises for rental purposes.

Of the IL210m. approved for new "private" ventures, about IL100m. was for Makhteshim's new project, while the rest was shared by 36 companies with an average loan of only IL3m. each. Insiders warn that while a number of factories are building or expanding — such as the Hadera power station, American-Israel Paper, the oil refinery, the Savkel engine plant at Carmiel — the industrial expansion drive is likely to peter out in the foreseeable future if no change occurs in economic outlook and policy.

CINEMA

Fair share of kitsch

Once is not enough (Allenby, Tel Aviv), is based on the last novel of Jacqueline Susann, author of "Valley of the Dolls," who died some twelve months ago. The film is directed by Guy Green, with screenplay by Julius Epstein. Although this glossy piece contains its fair share of kitsch, it is often genuinely moving and most of the acting is of a high standard.

The central characters in the story are Mike Wayne (Kirk Douglas, at his most rugged), a celebrated movie producer fallen on hard times and his young daughter January (Deborah Raffin), whose adoration of her father is the pivotal factor in her life. Mike, in desperate financial circumstances, marries a multi-millionairess (veteran star Alexis Smith), while the daughter falls in love with a hard-drinking Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist nearing middle age (David Janssen). The bitter-sweet romance between these two is most convincing and at times strangely touching, with a particularly good performance from the radiant Deborah Raffin, who was previously seen in "40 Carats" and "The Dove."

In contrast, there are some absolutely inane scenes involving a man-mad women's magazine editor (Brenda Vaccaro), in whom it is impossible to believe for a single moment. The cast also includes Melina Mercouri and George Hamilton.

The action moves between Marbella in Spain; Glion, Switzerland; Hollywood and New York, with chief photographer John Alonzo giving us some especially beautiful shots of the last-named city. *J.L.*

Italians escape from lust

ROME (AP). — Prominent Italian directors and critics are campaigning for an end to lust films.

Two of the notables, directors Roberto Rossellini and Franco Zeffirelli, have turned to religion as the subject of costly and ambitious productions. A few feel that viewers of erotic films, having seen everything, will still take in more of the same — but are also ready for nudity that appeals to reason as well as the libido.

"Sex yes, but now only for laughs," says director Sergio Martino, a veteran of erotic films ("Carnal Cousins"). His next production is a farce on sex, and will be, he says, more a debate on sex than indulgence, despite its title — "Forty degrees, or 104 F, in the shade of the sheets."

Rossellini, a founding father of postwar realism and the director of "Open City," issued a public appeal against pornography in a major assault on the erstwhile trend in Italy. He said erotic films were disseminating "aberration into current ethics."

He says, however, he isn't advocating religious views or even morals. His latest work, "The Messiah," depicts Christ as a social redeemer rather than God, stresses "Christ the peasant" rather than the almighty creating miracles. He says "the film has no message and is a study of the power structure of the time."

Zeffirelli, another arch foe of pornography, complains that it has "fatally lowered" the cultural level of Italy's vital film industry, which employs 300,000 persons for its 250 films a year, highest in the world. He is now directing a six-hour television documentary on "Jesus of Nazareth," at a cost of $15m. But despite a harsh campaign by influential directors and critics, eros has taken a long lease in movie-houses.

Currently the films in wide demand and supply are noted for their thin plots and heavy nudity in a trend that began a decade ago and still prevails.

In the last few years, film-makers chronicled sensuous monks and nuns and then took on the family, exposing incest in "Thanks Aunt," "Thanks Gramma," in addition to "Carnal Cousins."

This year the wings of Eros flew into the schools. Edwige Fenech, a German in the leading role in "The Teacher," turns Latin lessons into Latin embraces while in "The Substitute Teacher," Gloria Guida, the new Italian sex symbol, teaches in the nude.

Critic Casazza asks, "What other category and institution will be attacked by sex films next? After the school, the church, the family, are we going to see a nude nation on the screen?"

Such films yield hefty returns. Produced on shoestring budgets, many take a slight risk as they stay off the screens for weeks during highly publicized censorship cases. But then they return to a mass audience curious about what was so immoral in the film.

Italian critics have assailed their courts for letting such films off the hook in a few weeks or months while one major Italian-produced and directed film, "The Last Tango in Paris," was kept away for years for only one or two sequences considered in questionable taste.

Chinese peasants, carrying saplings and spades, set out for the sand dunes of the Maowusu Desert of northwest China, to plant trees in order to control the shifting desert sands. (Camera Press)

Nurkaltex: The unexpected is what counts

By MARJA WOLSKA
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"WHEN I FIRST came here to study at the Technion six years ago, I looked around at the local knitwear — and simply didn't find the level I was accustomed to in Istanbul." The statement— surprising on the surface, but not so much so on closer inspection — was made to me by young Haim Levy at the Nurkaltex knitting plant, in the industrial area of Tel Aviv. (I personally was not all that unprepared for his comment, because on a visit to Turkey some years ago I was most impressed by the level of the textile industry there.)

He was explaining how the firm — employing 70 workers and specializing in a wide and impressive range of sweaters for men and women — was established. Both his comment, and the level of the plant, are further colourful proof that in fashion, the unexpected is what counts.

Family fashion firms are not unusual in Israel, but few can match the Nurkaltex record, which has no less than 11 members of the family in the business. The three main partners — Gershon Perez, Itzhak Levy, and Ben-Zion Gambash — ran a very large knitwear business in Istanbul for 27 years. The work there was based on "hand" labour, in the sense of "hand-knitting" machines. Here, their plant is highly mechanized, with the most modern automatic equipment arranged in a model of assembly-line efficiency.

Some of the machines feature "talents" exclusive in Israel — the "intarsia" stitch, for instance, by which different colours are knitted into a garment, giving the same clean, un-doubled effect as hand-knitting. Rationally planned, the work flow goes from the first battery of spindles, which process incoming fibres for added strength and elasticity, on through enormous jacquard machines programmed to give everything from crochet textures to cable-stitching, on to machines which insert reinforcing strips at shoulders, to the washing room, stitching sections, ironing and quality control, and packaging.

The firm was established here after Haim wrote from Israel to Gerson Perez, back in Constantinople, suggesting that he come for a visit bringing samples from the family firm. He did; received backing from the Ministry of Commerce, and finally, four years ago, the machinery was imported and the plant completed.

At the start, Nurkaltex specialized in men's pullovers and cardigans (not all are as boldly patterned as the one shown here — many are classic styles). Today, however, the plant divides output about equally between men's and women's wear. Most are made of Acrilan, but Acrilan texturized to give an unusually fine feel. Among the women's styles, I particularly liked a trim little black buttoned top, the waistband in a crochet-type stitch, the yoke embellished with hand-embroidered flowers. Printed patterns, too, give an unusual look to Acrilan: just coming off the assembly-line is a white polo-neck sweater patterned with little bouquets of flowers in dusky blue, pink, and green.

Acrilan hand-crocheted edging on open-neck top, in subtle colours. (Ben-Gad)

Men's styles include rugged cable-knit patterns, with the sleeves in a ribbed texture. The seams, where the ribbing is sewed so carefully that you can hardly tell where it happens, reflects a high level of workmanship. The firm is especially proud of its exclusive "intarsia" technique, but this, I thought, may be a case where only the professional can appreciate the effort. The average customer may not even notice that the colour does not show through, and has not been knitted double for multi-colour effects. This is a little like the proud cabinet-maker — long departed, alas, — who is the only one who knows that the underside of the table, too, is beautifully finished.

"We felt we must be strong at home before going into exports," Haim told me. The current product, he explained, may be too "rugged" — i.e., long-lasting — for foreign markets; that, he indicated, was what the Turkish market, and the popular Israeli market, wanted. Now, though, contact is being made with an Italian designer, with a view to producing more elegant, lighter exportables as well.

And right there is the remarkable part of the story. We here are completely accustomed to the Eastern and Central European accents of our fashion industry (Turkish is, of course, widely spoken at Nurkaltex — linguistically related to Hungarian, it has a similar sing-song lilt to the outsider. I noticed, however, that the temperament-and-panic level seemed lower at Nurkaltex than at Central European establishments I have visited.)

We are also familiar with the virtues and vices of the Mediterranean fashion world: the Italians are marvellous for styling and taste, but what with strikes and unpunctuality, they reflect a slapdash business approach all too well known in our own market.

So here are the Turks, automated and assembly-lined, neatly organized and very hard-working. Co-owner Gershon Perez, for instance, was busy counting sweaters and filling orders. Haim: "You see how hard he works? He didn't have to do that in Turkey; there, the boss could just sit back and relax. But the family started this business here because — well, it's purely for the children, for their future in Israel." The method of work here, too, is completely different: "In Turkey, cheap labour can turn out all sorts of stitches on hand-knitting machines. Here, we have the most up-to-date machinery — which is the only way of approximating hand-knitting textures and effects."

He is also particularly proud of the firm's labour relations: "We decided, in view of the manpower problem, to train people our own way. The results are excellent, and nobody who started with us four years ago has left. We have an especially good atmosphere; every worker can come with every problem to one of the bosses."

Nurkaltex sweaters (IL135 to IL148.50) and jackets (IL162) are widely available in local shops, including Iwanir, Matzkin, Hamashbir, Shalom Stores, Levy, Kravitz (Kol-Bo Schwartz), and Shekem.

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Economy still stuck

PREPARING the ground for a mammoth IL92 billion new draft budget, the Finance Minister this week warned that the nation will have to face one or two years of belt-tightening before economic expansion can be resumed. Forecasts for 1976/77 are said to envisage a drop in private consumption, no increase, and perhaps even cuts, in welfare services, lower investments and greater unemployment. Despite efforts to trim defence expenditure, the defence budget will still account for over one third of the new budget, although it will not increase in real terms.

For the present, the new economic policy, on which the projected budget is based, has not produced substantial results. It is expected to work in due course bringing our spending into line with output, improving overall efficiency, and thus paving the way to renewed growth.

But long-term forecasts have a weaker public impact than the vision of short-term failings. The fact is that two years after the Yom Kippur War, and one year after the New Economic Policy was proclaimed, our economic performance is still running in its old grooves. To the degree that changes have taken place, they have been marginal to the task of turning the economy around.

What is described as cooling off of an overheated economy has been felt mainly in smaller industrial production, while our inflated services continue to grow and private consumption per capita is the same as before the war. And what is described as a drop in non-defence imports is scarcely more than an adjustment of inventories after last year's overstocking, *and a temporary consequence of the ban on importing cars* and other consumer durables. Even the tax reform is threatened by obstruction of privileged groups of employees and the self-employed.

Moreover, hopes for improved economic performance next year seem to be illusory. A draft budget of over IL90b. means not austerity, but a further increase in public spending, and the envisaged budget deficit is greater than that of this year. As a result, inflation is likely to gather strength, and attempts to check monetary expansion by a severe credit freeze will not be effective.

The Finance Minister may yet have several trump cards up his sleeve, but it is doubtful whether the public is in a mood to accept more surprises. It would be better for the nation if it knew how the government intends to achieve its *purpose, what means it intends to apply in order to make its* policy work. It is no coincidence that while the Histadrut is pressing for joint consultations with the government, the manufacturers demand a comprehensive economic programme.

What is needed is not more rhetoric about belt-tightening, but clear blueprints for public action and private guidance.

AN ANSWER TO KREISKY

By Prof. NATHAN FEINBERG

I FIND IT DIFFICULT to understand what prompted Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky to state — precisely when the Arab States are launching in the United Nations an unbridled attack on the national liberation movement of the Jewish people — that there is no such thing as a Jewish people, only a community of faith which became a community of fate. By doing so, Kreisky gave his support to one of the fallacious arguments which the Arabs so often advance in their fight against the State of Israel and its survival.

To the question whether or not there is a Jewish people, only the Jews themselves have the right to reply. The whole of their history through nineteen centuries of wandering attests incontrovertibly that their answer would always have been, and still is, in the affirmative. And since the establishment of the State of Israel, the Jewish people as a whole — with the exception of a few individual Jews or insignificant and unimportant groups like the American Council for Judaism — is also united by close-knit ties of solidarity with the State of Israel.

The fundamental basis of the principle of national self-determination is the recognition of the right of the group of persons concerned to define for *themselves* what they are and to decide upon their own fate. It is the denial of the right of others to decide for them and on their behalf. As far as the Jewish people is concerned, the famous French jurist, Prof. George Scelle, said: "What characterizes a nation is certainly not race — for there is no longer a pure race; it is a combination of manifestations of conscious solidarity — some of a historical nature, others of an intellectual, religious, social or even emotional nature — which together result in the creation of a collective desire for common life, an organization of solidarity and a permanent relationship. If, in truth — as Renan was one of the first to say — it is this psychological element which constitutes the very essence of nationality, there can be no doubt that the whole body of Jewish communities together can be considered one nation or one people. Moreover, the prevalent opinion of jurists concerned with the right of peoples is that the voluntary element, rather than the ethnic one, is what must be borne in mind in determining whether the solidary aspirations of a particular group deserve to be satisfied. It is not even essential that the group have common ethnic or traditional roots for it to constitute a nation or a people, or for its aspirations to be legitimate." He goes on — "undoubtedly, the Jews are exceptional in this respect that, as a result of their dispersion, they lack some of the elements of solidarity, encountered in the case of other peoples — in particular the solidarity that derives from the fact of living in close geographical proximity. On the other hand, it can be contended that their traditions, customs, the persecutions they have endured, their religious practices and mystic aspirations are so firmly integrated — *certainly far more so than in the case of other peoples* — for the very reason that they have not assimilated with the political groups in whose midst they have lived or settled."

Another eminent French jurist, Paul Fauchille, holds the same view. In discussing the Balfour Declaration and the other declarations in favour of Zionism made by the Allied and Associated Powers, he states: "The Great War of 1914-1919 brought with it official recognition of the nationhood of yet another persecuted people: namely, the Jewish people."

One may go on quoting many other jurists, historians and scholars for whom there are no doubts as to the identity and existence of the Jewish people. But it is unnecessary to depend upon the learned opinions of scholars — for the fact is unequivocally endorsed in many instruments of positive international law.

Thus, the Palestine Mandate, finally defined by the Council of the League of Nations on July 24, 1922, expressly recognizes the existence of the Jewish people and the Zionist Organization, or other body set up by it (the enlarged Jewish Agency) as the representative of the Jewish people.

The judgment of the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg, among whose judges were nationals of the four Great Powers, expressly establishes that "atrocities against the Jewish people were committed," and when, subsequently, on almost every single page of that judgment, reference is made to the murder of "the Jews" in the various countries of Europe, the intention is to members of the Jewish people — in the ethnic, not in the religious sense, for in the Holocaust both converted Jews and persons of Jewish origin were also exterminated.

Again, the preamble to the agreement drawn up in 1952 between Israel and the Federal Republic of Germany, states that "unspeakable criminal acts were perpetrated against the Jewish people during the National-Socialist regime of terror."

One may also mention the U.N.S.C.O.P. Report which says that "both the Balfour Declaration and the (Palestine) Mandate involve international commitments to the Jewish people as a whole" — not, that is to say, the Jewish population then domiciled in Palestine, but the whole Jewish people, dispersed throughout the world.

Finally, the existence of the Jewish people is recognized in Article 80 of the Charter of the United Nations, which safeguards the rights of any "States" and any "peoples" under the Mandates, until the conclusion of trusteeship agreements. Those who drafte[d] the Charter used the ter[m] "peoples" in the plural, and n[ot] "people" in the singular, [in] order to guarantee the rights [of] the Jewish people under th[e] Palestine Mandate.

ONE WOULD ASSUME that t[he] above documents, which as pa[rts] of positive international law a[re] generally binding, would al[so] bind a Prime Minister who is [a] leader of a Social-Democrat[ic] party and a jurist to boot, wh[en] he takes a stand on the questi[on] which he raised — incidentall[y] without any need and justific[a]tion. However, according to t[he] Israel Radio report on the co[n]versation between the Israe[li] Ambassador in Vienna a[nd] Chancellor Kreisky, the latt[er] based his statement on resear[ch] by Dr. Ignaz Zollschan on t[he] subject of race (in the fi[nal] analysis, not relevant to t[he] question of the sel[f-]determination of a nation [or] collectivity) and also on the co[n]ception of certain Socialists [on] the Jewish Question (t[o] reference is presumably [to] Austrian Socialist Otto Bau[er] which is totally antiquated.

The Jewish people and t[he] Zionist movement have nev[er] attempted to constrain perso[ns] of Jewish origin into identifyi[ng] themselves with their peo[ple]. But they are certainly entitled [to] ask Jews who have chosen t[he] path of assimilation to abst[ain] from regarding themselves [as] qualified to appear as expe[rts] and arbiters on Jewish affai[rs] and doing damage to the vital [in]terests of the people from wh[ich] they spring.

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POSTSCRIPTS

WE OFFER no prizes to readers guessing who came to our mind the other day on reading the following passage from "Alice in Wonderland":

"How doth the little crocodile
Improve his shining tail
And pour the waters of the Nile
On every golden scale!
How cheerfully he seems to grin
How neatly spreads his claws,
And welcome little fishes in
With gently smiling jaws!"

F.D.

A READER in Rishon Lezion has sent us her diary of a typical "television Sunday" under the new dispensation.

It runs more or less as follows: "8 p.m. My husband, my mother and I sit down to watch the "World at War" series.

9.10 p.m. My husband watches the beginning of the news broadcast, finds his eyelids closing, and asks me to wake him up in time for "Kaiser Wilhelm and the other falling eagles." My mother and I continue watching the news and "This is my secret."

10 p.m. My mother tries to fight off fatigue, asks me to wake her for Kaiser Wilhelm, and dozes off. I am left on sentry duty, take up my knitting and *listen* to "Tandu"...

I don't remember falling asleep, but I suddenly wake up. The lights and the television set are on, but an empty screen meets my bleary eye. I look at my watch. It's six in the morning. The eagles fell and none of us saw them. It's nearly time to wake my family for breakfast. They just won't believe that Kaiser Wilhelm came and went six hours ago, unwatched."

I.T.

A HAIFA READER suggests he take advantage of the present go-slow strike of income tax officials by pointing out something that might be up their stre-' if they were really working.

In the Haifa Theatre's new playlet — "A Walk with a Child" — actor Amnon Meskin consumes a huge quantity of food. The *Post* theatre critic wrote in his review: "It *looked* like meat; an occupational hazard which must play havoc with his digestion."

But has Meskin realised, our reader asks, that if what he consumes really *is* meat, then it represents a hazard not only to his digestion but to his pocket as well. Under the reform, Meskin's meals are clearly liable to income tax.

J.H.W.

LET US BY ALL MEANS praise famous men by naming streets after them. But do let us make a point of spelling their names in Latin characters as the more modern of them signed their books or letters.

One of our Jerusalem reporters tells us that on four new directional signs put up near Sderot Herzl, the name of the founder of political Zionism is spelled "Herzel." Similarly, the boulevard named after Zionist sociologist and economist Arthur Ruppin is spelled "Rupin."

When she suggested to the municipal spokesman that these errors might lead visitors to believe that Jerusalemites are ignoramuses, he promised to have the signs corrected. The process may take time, however. The luminous letters are not painted but cut out and glued on the sign with specially imported material.

J.S.

THE BRITISH, who also have economic worries, have begun to tighten their belts. But they have started the process overseas, judging by a recent letter from Nairobi to the London "Times."

The writer expresses her concern at learning that, for reasons of economy, the Foreign Office has ordered British Ambassadors to cut down their guest lists for the Queen's Birthday Party and make the event "a very formal occasion restricted to a very limited number of guests." She suggests that instead of reducing the number of "British expatriates" invited to such receptions, economies can be made by serving only non-alcoholic drinks.

Wives of Israeli envoys could give recession-hit colleagues a few tips on how to economize on official receptions without depriving their guests of alcohol. They have been having to do it for years now: they and the other Israeli wives have made the canapes themselves and their older children have lent a hand in the role of extra waiters. Lightly-spiked orange juice has also been known to work wonders in creating a convivial atmosphere.

Dry Bones

ISRAEL PRESS

Sadat not welcome in New York

DAVAR (Histadrut) praises New York Mayor Abraham Beame for refusing to welcome President Sadat because of his anti-Jewish remarks. "Sadat abused his position as an official guest of the U.S. to combine anti-Zionist remarks with anti-Jewish remarks reminiscent of the darkest days. Beame took his stand not in response to Jewish or other organizations, but as mayor elected on the basis of the principles of American democracy, and as representative of all the minorities in his city.

"Beame rightly refuses to cooperate in attempts to whitewash Sadat's remarks and belittle their significance and attribute them to his inter-Arab needs."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam), discussing the infiltration of a terrorist gang from Syria into the Golan on Tuesday, says that "this is the first infiltration of its kind since the separation of forces agreement was signed with Syria. No terrorist gang could cross the separation lines from Syria without permission from the Syrian army authorities at the highest level. Tuesday's event should be regarded as actually initiated and organized by the Syrians."

READERS' LETTERS

Last remnant of Ghetto wall destroyed

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Living in Warsaw for a year and a half because of a diplomatic posting with the Royal Netherlands Embassy, I have very strong feelings for the past and the tragedy of the Holocaust.

I have just returned from Israel and walking again in the streets of the former Ghetto, I discovered that the Municipality of Warsaw had done something they had intended to do for some time, but which I did not believe they would actually do. A Polish newspaper had even raised the question of the propriety of such an action, but to my knowledge the article got no response.

I am speaking of the last remaining part of the Ghetto wall, which was a terrifying monument. It was torn down because it was in the way of a children's playground.

I could not believe, as I stood there, that this small remaining tribute to all the suffering and courage of the Ghetto had actually been pulled down and was gone forever.

MARGARETHA QUANJER VALENTGOED

Warsaw, October 17.

Help for a stranger

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I came to Israel because of my love of ancient history. The remarkable past is here, but also something I never expected to find: constant help when I needed it. When I fell sick and had no one to turn to, the ladies of the Voluntary Tourist Service of Jerusalem came to my help.

I came to Israel and found the warmest, kindest people I've ever known, so it is only natural that, of all the countries in the world, this is the one I would love to return to.

If Israel can flourish the way it has been doing during war, then when peace arrives, as I know it will and must, I do believe the great sacrifices and constant effort of its people can create a paradise on this earth.

(MS.) LEE O'BRIEN

Honolulu, October 8.

Haim Herzog is right

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was astounded to read your reports of the attacks on Ambassador Haim Herzog by official Israel and the professional Jewish establishment in the U.S.

It seems to me that only frightening shortsightedness can prevent the Israel representative at the U.N. from conveying the feelings of many people in Israel so as not to antagonize anybody. The Jewish community in the U.S., through its official representatives (some of whom get paid for their work) is called into action only in dire emergencies. No discussion of Jewish-Zionist ideology hampers our *askanim*, either here or abroad. (I hope that Sadat's remarks at the Press Club in Washington will open the eyes of even the blindest among them and show them where this new a[nti-]Semitism is leading.)

Therefore, Haim Herzog should [be] congratulated for bringing this is[sue] into the open and mentioning [the] origins of the ideological earthqu[ake] which is hitting us and which [in]cludes the condemnation of Zioni[sm] and the discrediting of its meanf[ulness] not only by Idi Amin and his lik[e], also by many intellectual circ[les] throughout the world, including [the] U.S. and even among the Jewish p[eo]ple.

If we agree, either explicitly or implicitly, that Zionism is not [a] liberation movement of the Jew[ish] people similar to other liberat[ion] movements in the world, it will h[ave] serious ideological and practi[cal] results.

YITZHAK TA[...]

Jerusalem, October 28.

CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have been accused of being a Zionist — a Christian Zionist — by some of my co-religionists in Israel and in the administered areas. *I would like to take this means of* thanking them for this compliment.

In spite of being a Christian, my Jewish friends in Israel and elsewhere have labelled me a Christian Zionist and for this I want to thank them too and to let them know what a warm feeling this gives me.

I feel sorry for my Christian friends, and apologize for some of them, who are silent and have not yet identified publicly with Zionism, perhaps because they do not understand it or because they fear other consequences.

I have always thought that it [was] a grand thing when the King of D[en]mark and his subjects wore [the] yellow patch when the Nazis tried [by] this means to single out the Jew[s in] that country. Now I am glad to [be] able to wear a similar identity pin.

The Rev. Dr. G. DOUGLAS YOU[NG]
President, American Institute [for] Holy Land Stu[dy]

Jerusalem, October 26.

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